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[FM001-F] Miller, Jane and Marvin, Richard P. (1877-1896)

Family Records Series -- Correspondence

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Description
This folder consists primarily of letters from Jane Eliza (Jennie) Miller (1855-1898) to her younger sister, Mina Miller Edison. The 64 selected items cover the years 1877-1896. Some of the letters written prior to Mina's marriage contain references to her former suitor, George E. Vincent, who was the son of Chautauqua co-founder John Heyl Vincent. Also included are two letters written while Jennie was touring Europe with her sisters Mary and Grace in 1889. The letters contain comments about the behavior Mina's stepdaughter Marion Edison, who was also visiting Europe. Three of the letters are by Richard Pratt Marvin (1848-1906)—brother-in-law of manufacturer B. F. Goodrich—who married Jane in 1892. One of Marvin's letters, written in October 1896 and addressed to Thomas Edison, is a recommendation on behalf of British rubber goods and cable manufacturer Christian H. Gray. Marvin also refers to the illness of his wife, "who does not gain strength as fast as we might wish, but is doing far better than we had reason to expect."

Additional letters by Richard P. Marvin can be found in the David E. E. Sloane Collection.

19 letters covering the years 1877-1887 were added to this folder in December 2011. Among the topics discussed in the new letters are Jennie's trips to Europe in 1877-1879 with Lillian Massey, Pamela Helen Goodwin, and Florence Gilchrist; her tour of Britain and Continental Europe with the Vincent family in 1886-1887; Mina Edison's state of mind following her marriage to Thomas Edison; the marriage of Ira Mandeville Miller to Cora Wise; and Richard P. Marvin's romantic interest in Jennie.

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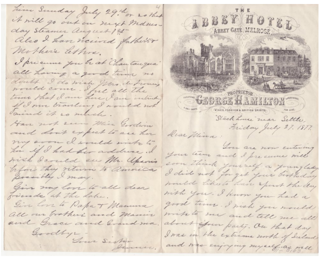

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[FM001A01], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 27th, 1877

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[FM001A01], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 27th, 1877

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Massey, Chester Daniel
- Massey, Lillian Frances
- Goodwin, Pamela Helen, (Mrs William Renwick)
- Miller, Robert Anderson

Date
1877-07-27

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Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
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time Sunday July 29th or so that it will go out on next Wednesday Steamer August 1st.
Also I have received father's & Mother's letters.

I presume you be at "Chautauqua" all having a good time no doubt. I do wish Mrs. de Forney would come - I feel all the time that I am here I am intruding if I were travelling I would not mind it so much.

Have not seen Miss Goodwin and don't expect to see her very soon I would write to her if I had her address. I wish I could see Mr. Upsons before they return to America possibly I may.

Give my love to all dear friends at the Lake.

Give love to Papa & Mamma all our brothers and Mamie and Grace and Grand ma.

Goodbye -

Your Sister

Jennie.

THE
ABBEY HOTEL
ABBEY GATE, MELROSE.

PROPRIETOR
PHEATONS & DOG CARTS. GEORGE HAMILTON HORSES & GIGS FOR HIRE.
WINES, FOREIGN & BRITISH SPIRITS.

"Stackhouse" near Settle,
Friday July 27. 1877.

Dear Mina:

You are now entering your teens and I presume will soon think yourself a young lady. I did not forget your birthday would like to have spent the day with you. I know you had a good time. I wish you would write to me and tell me all about your party. On that day I was in the extreme north of Ireland and was enjoying myself as well

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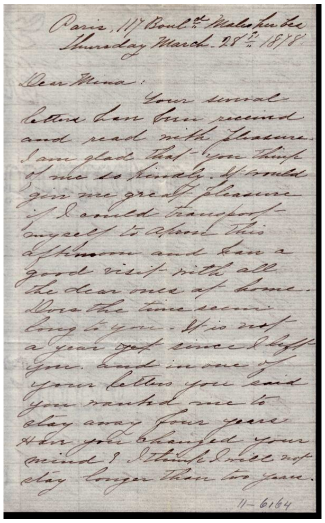
as could be expected. so far from home.

The picture on this sheet of paper is "Melrose Abbey" it is not very distinct but I thought it would please you to have me write on a sheet of paper that came from there. I want you to read Waverly novels as soon as you can fully understand them. Have Miss Walcott read to you if you can't read them yourself - It would be well to have some reading at the lake I also wish you would read "Abbots histories" We have all these books and you will not be sorry when you grow older that you read them while young. You must improve every moment, Mina and when you travel through Europe will appreciate every thing so much more for having knowledge - Practice your music hope you are taking lessons if not - I would begin as soon as

vacation is over and keep at it.

I am still at Stackhouse and intend to remain here until Wednesday August 1st then Lillie and I are going to Manchester to spend a day Friday we are to go to Bowdon for one week - Aug. 9th we expect to go to the Cumberland Lakes for a fortnight. We are to take lodgings at Grasmere Lake and take excursions from there to the different points of interest. I did expect to go to Manchester last evening leaving Lilla here - Chester came down here which changed matters entirely about my going. Chester, Lilla, and myself are to remain here until next Wednesday and all return to Manchester together. This is a most beautiful place Mountains all about us. We take walks every day that it is pleasant and it has been so for several days past. I am feeling very well indeed - Tell Robert I received his letter and will



Paris, 117 Boul^{d}. Malesherbes
Thursday March 28th 1878

Dear Mina:

Your several letters have been received and read with pleasure. I am glad that you think of me so kindly. It would give me great pleasure if I could transport myself to Akron this afternoon and have a good visit with all the dear ones at home. Does the time seem long to you. It is not a year yet since I left you. and in one of your letters you said you wanted me to stay away four years Have you changed your mind? I think I will not stay longer than two years.

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Title
[FM001A02], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 28th, 1878

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Lake, Martha
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily

Date
1878-03-28

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel
- Education
- Social customs, norms, values

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Thursday March 28th 1878

Dear Mina:

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11-6164

I am glad you are
doing so well in your
studies. Don't lose your
time Mina, improve
each moment! Practice
read, draw, and do
a little fancy work for
recreation. I want you
as well as Mamie and
Grace to be accomplished
young ladies. Do not
want to go with rude
girls. No! your conduct
at Mr. Alexanders was
not nice. You can
play and be very gay
~~be~~ without being boisterous. I don't like to
have you go bare-footed.
You are now at the
age that you must
always be clean and
neat. Clean hands -
nice finger nails, keep
your hair always in

order. have always on a clean collar and cuffs pretty necktie &c. Do not worry about being large. matters not what persons say about it so long as you have pretty manners and conduct yourself in a lady like way.

I could see from the photograph that you sent me that you had grown. Let your hair grow now. don't cut it again. only clip it each month.

I would like you to begin to study French. I think Mr. Richard would give you lessons. I am glad you are doing so well with your music persevere and you will conquer—

Minna it would be impossible for me to answer all the questions that you have asked me from time to time.

I will attempt to answer a few however. As to your travelling with Mrs. Lake I think it would be very nice and that it do you good. Where does she intend to go?

I should be very happy to hear from you often and will try to write you once in a month.

You were very kind to send me the maple sugar. it tasted good.

Perhaps when I start on my travels I will write to Miss Walcott but first I must know how to spell her name correctly. Will also try to write to Kate

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and Susie -
I don't like it of Kate
to leave Mamma - She
ought to stay. I would
be perfectly happy if
I knew that everything
at home was going on
happily.
You tell or ask Kate for
me to remain with Mamma
if she can in way be
content and happy.
And that she must not
mind everything said
and done which is not
agreeable to her - but look
on the bright side and
be happy and do as near
right as possible.

I hardly know who would
be best to go to the Lake
If you were happy last
summer. I think Miss Nelan
should go again provided
she filled the place and if she did what

was necessary to be done
Mamma must go for
she needs the change
and she enjoyed it
so much last summer.

Mina, ine your writing
is to cramped. You do
not slant quite enough.
I will correct the words
mispelled or rather mark
them and return your
letters so that you can
see where in you made
mistakes. Are you
studying grammar?
When I studied fractions
I liked them verymuch
but I think they are little
difficult at first.
I haven't been to any place
of interest this week but
hope to go the art gallery
of the Louvre.
I have a new pair of shoes
and one of them rubs my

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heel when I walk that it b so that is quite bad to day and I can't wear a shoe.

Next Monday evening Madame is to have a soirée or a little company. Mr. Henry and Madeleine de Speyr, Miss Marie Wagner, and Mr. Mayer are to play a comedy. It will be very interesting I imagine. Well Minna my letter is quite long enough for this time. Give my love to all the family. Be a good girl.

Your Sister
Jennie.

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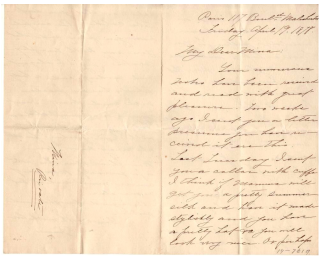

Paris 117 Boul^d Malesherbes
Friday. April 19. 1878.

My Dear Mina:

Your numerous notes have been received and read with great pleasure. Two weeks ago I sent you a letter presume you have received it ere this.
Last Tuesday I sent you a collar with cuffs I think if Mamma will get you a pretty summer silk and have it made stylishly and you have a pretty hat &c you will look very nice. Or perhaps

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Mina,
Private

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Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Date
1878-04-19

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Letter

Subject

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- Travel
- Social customs, norms, values

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Mina,
Private

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a pretty Stone color or Cream color Cashmere would be better for you have a hat to match also shoes & gloves. Now that you have entered young womanhood you must begin to appear as a young Miss. Be Modest in all of your actions. at the same time be gay. Be entertaining for all who may come to our home.

You will now have to be more cautious of your actions. You are no longer a little girl. You must keep your feet dry and

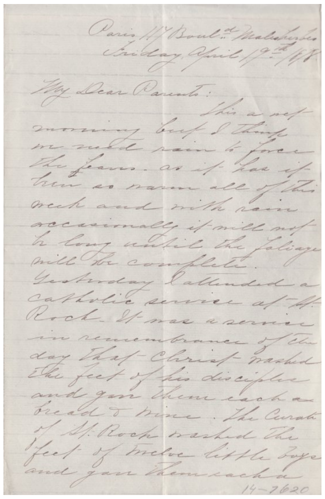
take care that you don't take cold. Be careful how you play and what you say with your playmates. Try to be elegant and modest and a lady Study hard, practice well and draw. I want you to be accomplished so that when you are twenty you will be interesting for all who may know you.

Now dear Mina this note is for yourself. Mamma of course must read it but no one else

Be a good daughter and sister.

Yours with much love

Jennie.



Paris 117 Boul^{d} Malesherbes
Friday, April 19th 1878

My Dear Parents:

This a wet morning but I think we need rain to force the leaves. as it has been so warm all of this week and with rain occasionally it will not be long until the foliage will be complete. Yesterday I attended a catholic service at St. Roch. It was a service in remembrance of the day that Christ washed the feet of his disciples and gave them each a bread & wine. The Curate of St. Roch washed the feet of twelve little boys and gave them each a

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Title
[FM001A04], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Lewis Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, April 19th, 1878

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Goodwin, Pamela Helen, (Mrs William Renwick)
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Edison-Miller family
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Paris 117 Boul^d Malesherbes
Friday, April 19th 1878

My Dear Parents:

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a loaf of bread and bottle of wine and also five francs -

The same service was in all of the catholic churches. Sunday I think I will go to the Madeleine as it is Easter Sunday and I think the service will be fine.

This afternoon I am going to a physician to have my ears examined.

Have heard nothing from Miss Goodwin this week perhaps will Sunday morning - as I frequently get her letters then.

I am looking forward to the coming of Dr. Vincent with much pleasure. I hope I may go with him down the

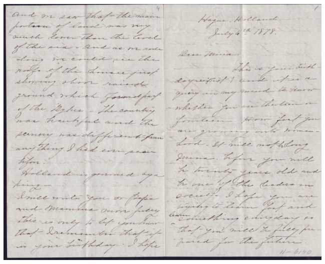
Rhine. But perhaps it will not be well -

Presume I will receive your letter tonight as of late I get one on Tuesday and one on Friday.

Now I will write a note to Minnie —

I address it to her as I think it will please her intend to write to Lennie next time.

Your daughter
Jennie.



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Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Lake, Martha
- Goodwin, Pamela Helen, (Mrs William Renwick)
- Parker, Charlie

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Celebrations (anniversaries, birthdays, holidays)
- Travel
- Social customs, norms, values

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And we saw that the main portion of land was very much lower than the level of the sea - And as we rode along we could see the roofs of the houses just showing above raised ground which formed part of the Dykes - The country was beautiful and the scenery was different from anything I had ever seen before.

Holland is governed by a King—

I will write you or Papa and Mamma more fully this is only to let you know that I remember that it is your birthday. I hope

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Hague, Holland.
July 6th 1878.

Dear Mina:

This is your birth-day is it not; and it is a query in my mind to know whether you are thirteen or fourteen. How fast you are growing into woman-hood. It will not be long Mina, before you will be twenty years old and be one of the leaders in society. I hope you are trying to learn fast and learn something every day so that you will be fully prepared for the future.

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I wonder if you have a birthday party? Look on your map of Europe and find the little country of Holland and then find the little ~~stop~~ spot which indicates the location of the city of Hague. and then you will know in what part of the world I am. Then look in the Encyclopedia and read about Hague - also Rotterdam where I spent most of yesterday. Amsterdam & Haarlem are two other large and important cities of Holland also. Holland is a very flat country no

hills ~~scarcely~~ it is below the sea level and of course the country must be dyked in order to keep it from be flooded ~~by~~ the sea. Last Thursday the 4th of July Miss Goodwin I went from Antwerp. Belgium to Rotterdam - We were nine hours on the way - we went by boat - passed through a Delta formed at the mouth of the river Schelde and the river Maas - There nine islands and this named Zeeland - It belongs to the country of Holland - We could see how the country or islands were dyked! One place we went on land

You have received the lace I sent you a week ago - Don't know whether you would receive before to day or not. It is your birth day present from me.

I suppose the boys are at home now and that you are a merry household - Are you to travel Mrs. Lake this Summer? if you do Mina: Each day write down what places you visit and something about each thing you see that is of importance Miss Lake perhaps will help you to keep a little journal!

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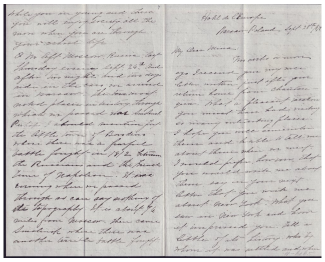
Be a good girl Mina and write me often you know I can't write many letters now that I am travelling but will write letters to Papa and Mamma that all the family can hear if they wish but no out-siders -

Do you still write to Charlie Parker? I wouldn't if I were you.

Be good, be gentle, and lady like -

Ever your loving Sister

Jennie.



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Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Robert Anderson

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- Religion and spirituality
- Education
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Social customs, norms, values

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while you are young and then you will enjoy society all the more when you are through your school life.

& We left Moscow, Russia, last Thursday evening Sept. 26th And after two nights and two days ride in the cars we arrived in Warsaw. The ~~two~~ most noted places in history through which we passed was Smolensk Perhaps I should mention first the little town of Borodino where there was a fearful battle fought in 1812 between the Russians and the French time of Napoleon. It was evening when we passed through so can say nothing of its topography. It is about 76 miles from Moscow. Then came Smolensk where there was another terrible battle fought

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Hotel de l'Europe
Warsaw, Poland, Sept. 28th/78.

My Dear Mina:

Two weeks or more ago I received your very nice letter written just after your return home from Chautauqua. What a pleasant vacation you must have had visiting so many interesting places. I hope you will remember them and be able to tell me about them when we meet. I would prefer, however, that you would write me about them, say in your next letter that you write me about New York. What you saw in New York and how it impressed you. Tell a little of its history. ~~who~~ by whom it was settled and when

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In your next letter tell me about Boston, if you went there in the same way - then about Washington and so on. It will help you Mina, to remember and try to describe things - Now is the time for you to begin and then when you ~~got~~ become older it will be so easy for you. If I had done so when I was a little girl I could describe and tell about things that I see now but I did not and it is now very difficult for me to write about what I see. That is why I want you to write me descriptive letters it will help you when you come to write compositions. Tell me about things in Akron what new buildings are being put up and describe them

to me. Mina read carefully the history of the United States - and then take up one by one the Abbots ancient histories and that belong to Robert. You are now old enough to read those by yourself. What words you come across that you don't understand look them up in the dictionary - and the geographical names that you cannot locate in your mind look them out on the map. I think Papa will buy for you Lippincotts Biographical dictionary and that will tell you in a condensed form all about the great men & women - so that when you read you can refer to that without much trouble. I want you to read a great deal this winter and practice your music as well. Don't think of play or of going into company. Study to really appreciate its beauty. The Holy Gate which is one of the principal entrances to the Kremlin is of red brick. Every man when passing under or through this gate must take off his hat. It used to be a criminal offense if he did not take off his hat but I don't know whether it is yet or not; but I noticed they were very careful to take off their hats in time.

St. Basil cathedral is situated just outside of the Holy Gate. It is a very old church and is named for a man by the name of Basil or St. Basil who was a popular prophet and worker of miracles and it is said that he was an idiotic for Christ's sake. His sarcophagus is in the church. The morning we were there they were having a

on Napoleons retreat from Moscow. It is a walled town and very prettily situated on hills above both banks of the river Dnieper. We saw from the car windows domes of several churches. The country between here and Moscow is very level and might be termed a vast plain as there were not many trees and if it were not historical grounds it would not be at all interesting.

As I said before we arrived here last evening. This morning after breakfast upon looking out of the window it seemed like a cold and bleak town. It is getting late to be in these towns and we are making our way to Berlin as fast as possible.

11-6165

Warsaw is situated on the left bank of the Vistula, at a considerable elevation above the waterlevel.

We will do no sight seeing until tomorrow and then I will be better able to judge of the city as to whether I like it or not. We hope to be able to see all Monday and Tuesday and be ready to start for Berlin on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning.

We left Mr. + Mrs. Wilson in Moscow expect them here today. Three other American ladies came on with us from Moscow. They are from the East. Miss Aikin and Miss Taylor are from New York, and Miss Southwick is from Boston. They go to Dresden from here.

In Moscow there seemed to be nothing but old churches and a palace to see. All was interesting and well worth a visit.

We walked around the Kremlin walls. Saw the cannons that the Russians took from Napoleon many of them were spiked. We passed through the gate which Napoleon entered the Kremlin. Saw the little Church of the Wood which is situated or rather the palace is built around it. It is a very very old church oldest in Moscow. It is only opened once a week or fête days it was a fête day when we visited so of course entered. We climbed Ivan tower to have a birdseye view of the city. It is necessary to view Moscow from a height

The Kremlin is situated in the center of Moscow. The wall enclosing the Palace and many churches is about a mile and a half in circumference. It is on a slight elevation and may be seen from almost every part of the city. One side and at the foot of the Kremlin wall is Alexander park through which we walked when we were walking about or around the Kremlin.

Mina and in fact all when you come to Europe I want you to visit St. Petersburg and Moscow. I am not at all sorry that we came for both cities are so interesting and are so unlike the cities I have seen.

I had a nice letter from Mrs. de Kerney the other day. And she papa and myself a very cordial invitation to stop in Turin on our way South this winter. Papa must be sure and come to Europe if only for two or three months. I wish Ira would come. It seems to me that now is his time to come for when he is once settled in business it will be so hard to get away and perhaps it will be years before he will have another so good an opportunity.

Well my dear I am writing you a long letter but this must do for the family. I think I will now write to Robert and Edward - I don't know though whether they are both in Delaware or not but take for granted that they are.

I suppose we will be in Berlin about two weeks. Upon our arrival there I hope to hear that father is coming and all about his plans where he will meet us or where we are to meet him. I have been kept in such a suspense about his coming that I wish he would write at once if he has not done so already. but I expect tomorrow that I will know all in a few days.

Now Goodbye -

Love to all the dear ones
kind regards to inquiring friends.
Your Sister -
Jennie.

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mass for the women who were ill and who had come to the tomb of St. Basil over which priests were saying mass. And around the womens necks they put a chain and cross which they took off the sarcophagus after the mass they were replaced. I suppose they believe he (St: Basil.) still has the power to cure and that is why they come. One sees so much of this sort of belief in Europe that I really will be glad to get among protestant people again. This church St: Basil has eleven domes each different in color and design surmounting as many chapels dedicated to various saints. The architecture is quite ancient and has a very grotesque appearance

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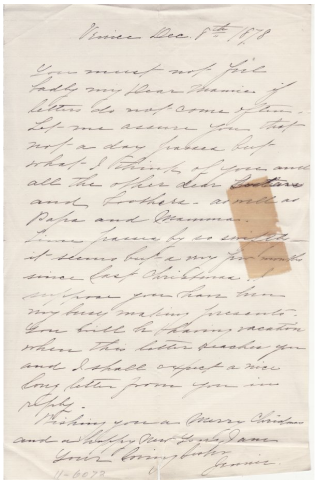

Venice Dec. 8th 1878

You must not feel badly my dear Mamie if letters do not come often. Let me assure you that not a day passes but what I think of you and all the other dear sisters and brothers - as well as Papa and Mamma. Time passes by so swiftly it seems but a very few months since last Christmas. I suppose you have been very busy making presents. You will be having vacation when this letter reaches you and I shall expect a nice long letter from you in reply.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I am
Your loving sister
Jennie.

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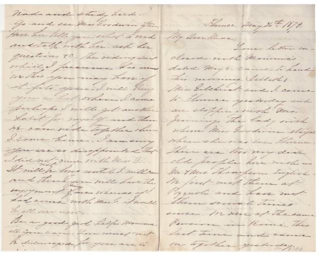

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- Goodwin, Pamela Helen, (Mrs William Renwick)
- Gilchrist, Florence

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read and study hard.
Go and see Miss Goodwin often
Have her tell you what to read
and talk with her ask her
questions &c. The riding suit
which I presume has arrived
ere this you may have if
it fits you. I will bring
you a hat when I come
perhaps I will get another
habit for myself and then
we can ride together when
I come home. I am sorry
you are so disappointed that
I did not come with Miss G.
It will not be long until I will come
and then you will have the
enjoyment of seeing me whereas if I
had come with Miss G. it would
be all over now.
Be a good girl help Mamma
all you can. You must not
be discouraged for you are to

Florence May, 26th 1879.

My Dear Mina,

Your letter enclosed with Mamma's
dated May 5th came to hand
this morning. (Sabbath)
Miss Gilchrist and I came
to Florence yesterday and
are stopping with Mrs.
Jennings the lady with
whom Miss Goodwin stayed
when she was in Florence.
There are two very dear
old people here with us.
Mr. & Mrs. Thompson. English.
We first met them at
Pozzuoli and have met
them several times
since. We were at the same
Pension in Rome this
last time and came
on together yesterday.

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and I hope we may go about together while here. I presume you go to see Miss Goodwin often. I hope Miss Helen and Miss Clara will go with Mamma to the Lake. Are you taking Music lessons now? You must keep in mind that I expect to hear you play very nicely indeed when I come home. Which will be in a very few months. I may take you all by surprise one of these days by sending you a telegram that I sail such a date.

I had a letter from Madame de Ferment Somerville this morning in which she gives me a cordial invitation to

make her a visit in Turin which I intend to do. She writes that she is very much better than she was a year ago. She enjoys life and the society in Turin I reckon.

The underclothes that I sent home with Miss G. are for you if you can wear them the chemises were a little small for me also the drawers and I thought by sending them home now you might ~~have~~ them this summer instead of getting new. Miss G. writes me that you have grown larger and taller but your face has not changed.

I hope my dear you are very particular about your companions. Go with only nice young misses.

young to be tired of life. Thank you very much for Edward's address.

Write me very often.

Give my love to Papa & Mamma Ira and all. & Miss Goodwin.

Your Sister

Jennie.

Enclosed is a Roman necktie for you. I have one for Mamma & Grace also. Will send them when I write them.

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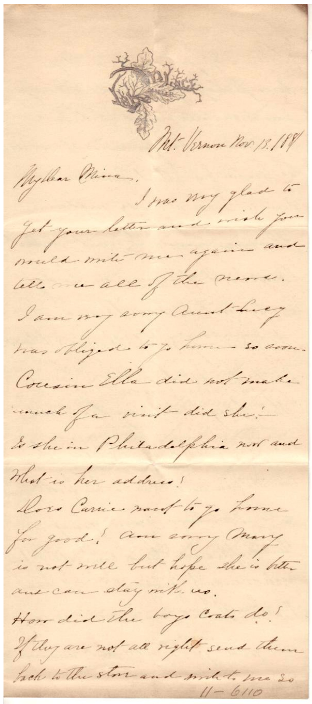

Mt. Vernon Nov 13. 1881

My dear Mina,

I was very glad to get your letter and wish you would write me again and tell me all of the news.

I am very sorry Aunt Lucy was obliged to go home so soon.

Cousin Ella did not make much of a visit did she?

Is she in Philadelphia now and what is her address?

Does Carrie want to go home for good? Am sorry Mary is not well but hope she is better and can stay with us.

How did the boys coats do?

If they are not all right send them back to the store and write to me so

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Is she in Philadelphia now and what is her address?
Does Carrie want to go home for good? Am sorry Mary is not well but hope she is better and can stay with us.
How did the boys coats do?
If they are not all right send them back to the store and write to me so

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that I can go and see about them. If you can't wait for a dress perhaps you had better get some material and let Mrs. Kessler make you a suit as well as Gracie but I think I will send a dress to Grace already made.

Florence and I went to Mrs. Bruck's to dinner on Friday and went to hear "Rossi" in the evening with Charlie & Edward Bruck. Had a nice time. The play was "King Lear" and was finely acted by Rossi who is an Italian and this is his first season in this country. I am going to the Mapleson Opera some day this week. And if possible to hear Patti. The entertainments in N. Y. are good just now and numerous.

Saturday rained quite hard all day which prevented my going down street – Mrs. Brach & Florence were going with me to see about some dishes and glass ware.

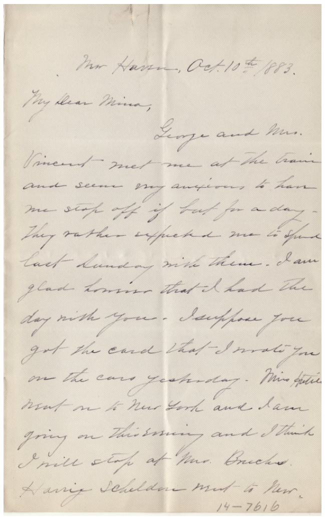
Mr. Grimshaw called and spent several hours with us at home because it was too wet to go out. We rather expect him here today.

What do you say to my remaining East until Dec. If you don't want or think it is best I will come home sooner. Has Mr. Frost returned yet? I haven't seen anything of him.

Am very well and enjoying myself. Had a letter from Robert last evening.

Give my love to all.

Ever your loving sister
Jennie.



New Haven, Oct. 10th 1883.

My Dear Mina,

George and Mrs. Vincent met me at the train and seem very anxious to have me stop off if but for a day. They rather expected me to spend last Sunday with them. I am glad however that I had the day with you. I suppose you got the card that I wrote you on the cars yesterday. Miss Hutch went on to New York and I am going on this evening and I think I will stop at Mrs. Bruchs. Harry Scheldon went to New.

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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Bruch, Kate Patterson
- Vincent, Elizabeth Dusenbury (Mrs John H.)
- Vincent, George Edgar

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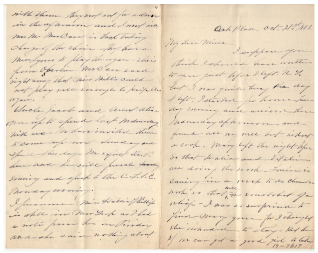
Lord this morning to invite a young lady to go with him Thanksgiving day. If you have a pretty hat and it is becoming that will be the principal thing as you will be all covered with robes &c. and your head and neck will be all that will show. Don't you know Miss McGee or some of the young ladies that are going? You might find out by her or from George if she is going and then get a little idea from her by writing to her just how she is going dress - I mean what kind of a hat &c. I think though the hat we got for you will be all

right so don't worry about it. George starts to Ann Arbor Monday to attend some meeting of their secret society. I presume he will write you all about it. Mrs. Vincent invited Mr. Spencer to take tea with us last evening and then George and Mr. Spencer took Mrs. Vincent & I over to their secret society hall and to the Gymnasium. Today at eleven Mr. Spencer is coming to take us to see his room and several of the students rooms. And this afternoon we are going on a drive perhaps to a boat race. And I will leave here about five o'clock.

I hope you will keep well and be happy. George is studying Chaucer now I think he had four hundred lines to read for today.

Now Goodby ~~my~~ dear - Mr. Vincent will be home Friday morning.

to the young ladies - With love and kind remembrance
I am affectionately Jennie.



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with them. They went out for a drive in the afternoon and I went with Mr. M. Mrs Case is back taking charge of the choir. They have a Miss Lyons to play the organ - she is from Oberlin. Mrs Case said right away that Miss Mill's could not play well enough to keep the organ.

Uncle Jacob and Aunt Alice were up to spend last Wednesday with us. We have invited them to come up next Sunday and spend the day. We expect Dr. V. here and he will preach Sunday evening and speak to the C.L.S.C. Monday evening.

I presume Miss Hattie Phillips is still in New York as I had a note from her on Friday and she said nothing about

Oak Place, Oct. 21st 1883.

My dear Mina.

I suppose you think I should have written to you just before I left. N. Y. but I was quite busy the day I left. I started for home Tuesday evening and arrived here Wednesday afternoon and found all very well but without a cook. Mary left the night before so that Delia and Vitaline are doing the work. Louise is coming in a week to do chamber work so that will be somewhat of a relief. I was so surprised to find Mary gone for I thought she intended to stay. But then if we can get a good girl to take

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her place I don't care very much. I expect to go to New York in a few weeks to have my dresses altered. and then I may see you again. Madame Bragon will alter my dresses so I can have that matter settled.

Mr. Marvin has been quite sick with the ague. He is feeling better for a day or two past. He spent Wednesday evening here and also Thursday. Friday afternoon we went out for a drive. In the evening there was a social at the church and the ladies presented Mr. & Mrs. Pearce a silver tea set and Mrs. Pearce a gold watch & Chain and one or two other gifts were given. They had a supper. there was a large crowd and they cleared $66.00

I saw Helen and she wanted to know all about you. She is looking very well. She has a new Hat brown felt high crown and straight rim. It is quite pretty. Cora Vine and Mattie Henry were over to ~~see~~ me Friday but I was not at home so Mother had a nice visit with them. The Germans celebrated the coming of their forefathers to this country and they had a grand procession and a meeting in the academy afternoon. Father spoke for one. He went to the hall after he had presented the watch to Mrs. Pearce and they had supper. Friday evening was a busy time.

Saturday father and mother took dinner at Mr. Wallace's; Mr & Mrs Lonner are visiting them from Canton and our people dined coming home.

Robert didn't come home today but Lewis is spending the Sunday at Canton.

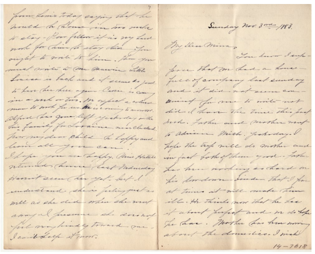
Mrs. Conger has lost her voice again so I'm heard. Haven't seen since my return. They have taken Kittie Brown to the Asylum again - and it almost breaks Mrs. Brown's heart. But Kittie was getting worse and if she is ever cured the sooner she had to be taken. I feel so sorry for them both - This is a lovely day, but quite chilly. I hope you are about settled in your school work and are beginning to feel quite content. Mrs. Goodrich was over the other afternoon and wanted me to tell you to send your address

to the Hall girls I would do
it if I were you -

Now be a good girl and write
whenever you can -

Will attend to the ordering of the
magazines tomorrow also send your
pillow. The hat that I wrote you
about Miss Scott could not
get a gray just to suit me and
then I thought it over and it
seemed best to wait until a little
a little later.

With kind regards to all
your roommates and your
teachers - Love for your self
I am
Affectionately
Jennie



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from Lewis today saying that he would be home in two weeks to stay - Poor fellow it is very hard work for him to stay there. You ought to write to him. Then you must write to Mr. Marvin. Little Louisa is back and it seems so good to have her here again - Carrie is coming in a week or two. We expect a colored man to work for us. He is coming to morrow. Alfred has gone; left yesterday with his family for Loraine near Cleveland. Now my dear child be happy and learn all you can.

I hope you are happy. Miss Hattie returned home last Wednesday Haven't seen her yet - but I understand she is feeling just as well as she did when she went away - I presume she does not feel very kindly toward me - I can't help it now.

Sunday Nov. 3rd 1883.

My dear Mina,

You know I suppose that we had a house-full of company last sunday and it did not seem convenient for me to write nor did I have the time this past week. Father and Mother went to Adrian Mich. yesterday - I hope the trip will do Mother and in fact both of them good - Father has been working so hard on his low-down binder that I fear at times it will make him ill. He thinks now that he has it about perfect and we do hope he has. Mother has been worrying about the domestics - I wish

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we could have her go away for a visit until the house is cleaned and our help all nicely started. if she would only go and feel right about it I would try to persuade her, but, she always feels that we want her out of the way so that I don't urge her more than I can help. She certainly needs a change. I hope they are having as lovely a day in Adrian as we are having here - It is just like Indian summer and I don't know but what it is the beginning of it.

Mr. Marvin took dinner with us and has spent most of the afternoon with us. He intends to add a postscript to this letter.

I think I will go to Cleveland Tuesday haven't been up since

I returned from the east. Ordered your magazines - they will begin with November. I called to see about your seal skin and Mr. Barnes is looking for them almost any express so that you will have it soon. Has Madame Sheehan sent your dresses yet! Haven't seen the girl to talk with them this week. There is no news that I know of that will interest you - only that Young Mr. Ebright is to be married next week to a Miss Bissel from out of town.

Mr. Pendletons gave a large party the other evening we did not go. No invite

This week the ladies of Congregational church have dinners in their church parlors. It will not be long before you will be thinking of Thanksgiving and then Christmas. We had a telephone

Remember me very kindly to the
Young ladies also to your teachers
be happy and write me soon

Affectionately
Jennie.

P.S. I supposed of all persons in the world you would prove yourself to be my friend - & I did not, realize that it could be possible for you to presume upon my innocence ~~and~~ as you have & then deliberately, & I think without reason, drop me as you would a hot potato - It is all right. When one reaches the age which marks the number of my mile stones he can expect no consideration from them

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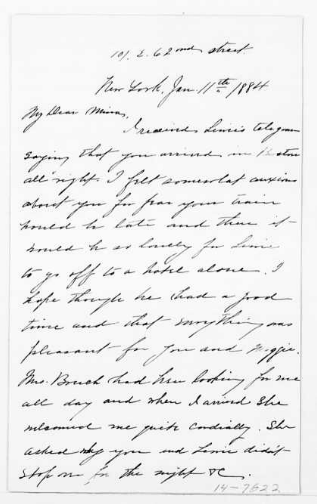
younger - Well, it is ~~all~~
~~right~~ natural for such
you to give your time
& attention (was going to say
affection) to younger chicks -
Jimmie says it is time for
me to stop & go home - it
is just 8 ho's P.M. - Don't
you think it too early



101. E. 62nd street

New York, Jan 11th 1884

My Dear Mina,

I received Lewis's telegram saying that you arrived in Boston all right. I felt somewhat anxious about you for fear your train would be late and then it would be so lonely for Lewie to go off to a hotel alone. I hope though he had a good time and that everything was pleasant for you and Maggie. Mrs. Bruch had been looking for me all day and when I arrived She welcomed me quite cordially. She asked why you and Lewie didn't stop on for the night &c.

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New York, Jan 11th 1884

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Wednesday was such a disagreeable
day that I didn't go out but remained
in and finished my table spread
that I have had so long. I am
very much pleased to think that
it is finished and it looks quite
pretty.

Yesterday we went down street
and they have such lovely goods
I think possibly before I go home
I will get some dress goods.
Today I am going to Madame Bragie's
although it is a very disagreeable
morning.

I went to see Florence last evening
and she is coming here tonight to
stay all night. She wants me
to spend a month with her.
I may stay two weeks with her

then we will both come down
to Boston and spend a day or
two and stop to see Lenie. I
expect to go up to Florence's next
week.

Now my dear child I hope
you will have a good time.
Mr. Brush just brought me a
letter from you and I am de-
lighted to get it. You must not
feel home-sick but try and enjoy
everything and I know you feel
all right. I am glad you are coming
with Miss Margaret for I was very
much pleased with her coming in.
I will write when it is decided upon
my coming to Boston and if you
can get the rooms I think perhaps
it would be best better if you think it

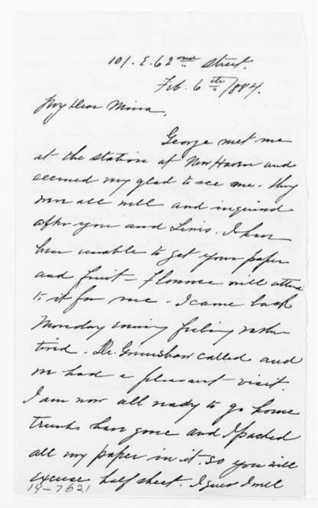
it will be pleasant there.

Now cheer up - Your trunks were be unloaded as we came out of the station that evening after seeing you off. It seems strange that you do not get them. I would visit the places of interest as much as possible. I am glad you had an opportunity to go to Wellesley.

With a great deal of love
I am affectionately,

Jennie.

Love to Miss Margaret. I like that name very much and am glad you intend to call her that.



101. E. 62nd Street.
Feb. 6th 1884.

My dear Mina,

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Title
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Editor's Notes
Miller family stuff

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Miller, Lewis Alexander

Date
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Feb. 6th 1884.

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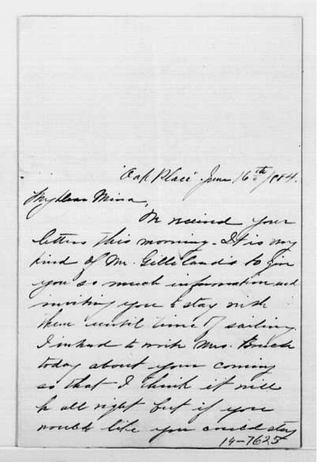
14-7621

write for paper from home and
send sample - I can do it just
as well and not bother Florence
with it.

I hope you and Lewis had a
good visit together after I left.
I wonder if you have received
your money from home -
I will write you just as soon
as I arrive home - You may
look for your fruit in a few
days. Love to Miss Maggie -

Affectionately
Jennie.



"Oak Place" June 16th/1884.

My dear Mina,

We received your letters this morning. It is very kind of Mr. Gillilands to give you so much information and inviting you to stay with them until time of sailing. I intended to write Mrs. [illegible] today about your coming so that I think it will be all right but if you would like you could stay

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[FM001AAC], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 16th, 1884

Title
[FM001AAC], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 16th, 1884

Editor's Notes
Miller family stuff

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Gilliland, Ezra Torrance

Date
1884-06-16

Type
Letter

Subject
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"Oak Place" June 16th 1884.

My dear Mina,

We received your letters this morning. It is very kind of Mr. Gillelands to give you so much information and inviting you to stay with them until time of sailing. I intend to write Mrs. Brooke today about your coming so that I think it will be all right but if you would like you could stay

14-7625

with Mrs. Gilliland Friday
or Saturday and then go on
to New York.
I think it best that you
send your large trunk
home and get a steamer
trunk to take with you to N.Y.
and there if we need it
will take it with us if not
will put your things in the
trunks we bring from home.
We don't want to take any more
luggage than ~~possible~~ is necessary.
I thought you could wear
your green suit on the
steamer. Taking with you
your brown suit your
Surah silk or Semi color

We will bring the dress that
Madame Sheehan has. Your gradu-
ating dress - one of your white
dresses I think the plainest one
and that gray dress trimmed
with red velvet - if you wish -
Your black silk you had better
send home and if your green
is too much soiled you could
wear your gray on the steamer
with your seal skin. Your little
green hat would be all right
~~with~~ to wear - You need something
close to the head - You need
not bother to get the rugs
I will get them when I come
You might get for a cap for
Mamie and Grace in Boston

while you are with Mrs. Gilliland. I am having warm underclothing for us all - take your flannel underclothes with you three suits will be a plenty - wear your heavy skirt on the steamer and take your black and white one with you I have another for you at home.

I think I have a nice route laid out will send it - I want you to get a small copy of "Lady of the Lake" - and a cheap copy of Lorna Doone - for we will visit Devonshire and the locality mentioned in that story. Perhaps you had better send that corn colored dress since the dress we bring

from Madame Shelson will take the place of that - You will not need many summer dresses but it will not take up much room to take one with you - the things we use on the steamer we will leave with our bankers so that we have them again when we return. You want good shoes - and rubbers in case we might need them - I will bring your lessons. I intend that you shall wear red flannel underclothes on the steamer.

I thought your red wrapper would do to wear in the state room at night over your night dress. We go on the "Oregon" which

sails seven o'clock Wednesday
morning June 25th.
I think Lewis will return
home perhaps he will be
better contented to do so for
I presume he will be homesick.
It is not yet decided whether
Miss Phillips will go with us
or not. I think we can get along
alone but I thought it would
be pleasanter to have some one else
I am very sorry if it does not
suit you.
We intend to land at Queenstown
travel through Ireland and
then Scotland. English lake
district. ~~and~~ "Wales I haven't
planned yet ~~for~~ I didn't
visit that country at all. I
think though we will take that

"in from the English Lakes"
and visit England last.
and then go to Paris. If
we have time will take a
little turn on the continent.
Now get yourself ready and if
Miss Gilliland can give you hints
and help you all right. I
did not think of caps on the
Steamer and I think they will
do better than hoods. Get your-
self a veil.

Write Miss Bunch & telegraph her
when you ~~come~~ go to New York
and Mr. Mason and he will
meet you.
He came home Friday and
returns tomorrow. He looked for
a letter from you but received
none until this morning

which did not reach N.Y. until after he had gone — I'm very sorry to have missed you.

I will write again sending the letter to 14 New Jersey Street — so that you can go there and get that mail if you stay. In case you leave Boston leave your address with Mr. Johnstone —

I will be very glad to have Mr. Gilliland's route and to have him give you any points that he thinks of for we can not be too well informed. —

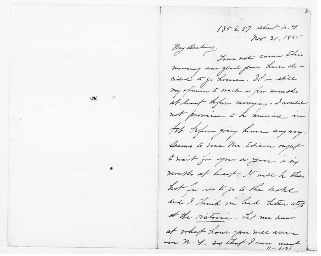
Mother sends a great deal of love and a kiss. I will be lonely for her but she intends to go to Chautauqua soon after we go and I hope she will enjoy it.

She seems as well as usual.

I would like to have her go to New York with us but she thinks not. I don't know whether father will go or not. I hope so.

With ever so much love
Jennie.

14-7625



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[FM001AAD], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 21st, 1885

Title
[FM001AAD], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 21st, 1885

Editor's Notes
recd letter; Happy that sister is coming home prior to marriage; States that TAE ought to wait 6 months or year before marriage; Wants to stop at the Victoria. [hotel?]

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1885-11-21

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)

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185 E. 57 street N. Y.
Nov. 21. 1885

My Darling,

Your note came this morning am glad you have decided to go home. It is still my opinion to wait a few months at least before marrying. I would not promise to be married in Feb. before going home any way. Seems to me Mr. Edison ought to wait for you a year or six months at least. It will be then best for us to go to the hotel and I think we had better stop at the Victoria. Let me know at what hour you will arrive in N. Y. so that I can meet

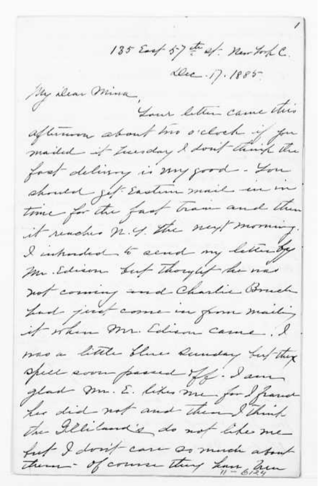
11-6121

you. You can find out at the station Mr. Edison can tell you. You know my dear I love you truly. And I want you always to be happy. And I want your married life to be most happy. I wish too I were with you. Am going down street now.

Will send this note by Mr. E.

With a heart full of love for you. I am,

Affectionately
Jennie.



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135 East 57th St. New York C.
Dec. 17. 1885.

My dear Mina,

Your letter came this afternoon about two o'clock if you mailed it Tuesday I don't think the fast delivery is very good. You should get Eastern mail in in time for the fast train and then it reaches N.Y. the next morning. I intended to send my letter by Mr. Edison but thought he was not coming and Charlie Bruch had just come in from mailing it when Mr. Edison came. I was a little blue Sunday but they spell soon passed off. I am glad Mr. E. likes me for I feared he did not and then I think the Gilliland's do not like me but I don't care so much about them. of course they have been

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Title

[FM001AAE], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 17th, 1885

Editor's Notes

11-6124. Received yours this afternoon; intended to send my letter with TAE but thought he was not coming; he came after it was mailed; "I am glad Mr. E. likes me for I feared he did not and then I think the Gilliland's do not like me but I don't care so much about them." If you don't want to become part of the Vincent family, you should think no more about them; if you truly love TAE, should wait a year to better understand how you loves him and avoid making a mistake; lost two nights' sleep worrying about the style, number, and cost of your clothes, sheets, and towels; if you've decided to marry TAE in Feb., I expect you've discussed household matters with him and mother; will leave here for home tomorrow eve; getting ring made for Marni and making other purchases; relates story of visit to Mrs. Gilliland and uneventful Miller family gossip;

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Dusenbury, Caroline
- Vincent, Elizabeth Dusenbury (Mrs John H.)
- Vincent, Anna, (Mrs Chester D. Massey)
- Massey, Chester Daniel
- Gilliland, Ezra Torrance
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Gilliland, Lillian (Mrs Ezra T.)
- Vincent, George Edgar
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- TAE personality and character
- Travel

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135 East 57th St. New York C.
Dec. 17. 1885

My dear Mina,

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very kind and polite to me.
I went to see Mrs. G. Yesterday afternoon and of course our conversation was mostly about you. She told me she had feared that we felt that you had been influenced by them - I told her that I had thought so and it was quite natural to suppose that they did influence them. We had quite a visit and I think it was all right.

Well Monday I went to Plainfield George met me at the station and all seemed glad to see me. George brought Mr. Joy home for supper. George was obliged to go to Boston that night to meet his Father. Mr. Joy spent the evening with us that is Mrs. Vincent Miss Dusenbury

and myself. There wasn't a word said about any one of the family only asked how we all were and inquired how Mamie liked her school also they asked particularly about Lewis. Then I believe Mrs. Vincent did say or ask if you had gone home and spoke about your visit at Mr. Joy's - Little Alice took such a fancy to you so Mrs. V. said. That was all that was said one way or the other. George did not bring up the subject either I brought it about. George expects to go to Erie the second week in January to the annual Chautauqua meeting. I invited him to go to Akron then but he thought he wouldn't have the time. Miss Anna Vincent and Chester Massey are to be married the last of February or the first of March.

I wouldn't worry about the Vincent family any more. If you do not like them well enough to be one of them you cannot help. I think you have not been so unkind to any of them so as to make you feel unhappy. If you truly love Mr. Edison. I cannot help but feel if you wait one year will know so much better just how you do love him. You know One so often makes a mistake and you are yet so young. You know I like him and I have no doubt but what you love him but whether it is because you love him for himself or because he loves you. I went down to see if I could cut down your underclothes

any in price. But I find they are trimmed very simply but you are to have the best work put on them and the best material which of course costs. I left out however, that suit with German lace & the colored night dress. The suit to be copied from the one of mine was not counted in the cost so that the bill will be about twelve hundred. That however will only make thirteen suits so I am going to get you a very plain suit so as to have an even number. Mrs. Stack told me they had just sent out a trousseau with not so many pieces but a little more trimmed which cost fifteen hundred dollars. She said it was not above the usual sum.

I have worried somewhat over the things - Had two sleepless nights think how to have them pretty and and yet not so expensive - The sheets we can get and have made in two or three weeks time they told me - So I thought I would not bother so much about them now.

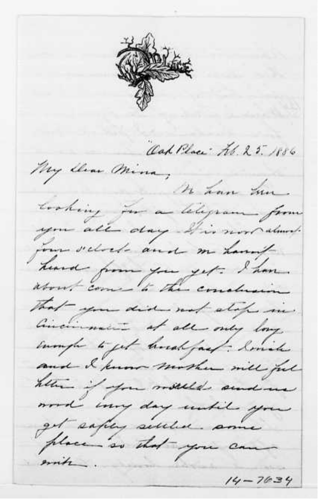
I get piece more toweling so you can have them made at home - I presume if you have decided to marry in February Mr. E. has talked over household matters with you and Mother - I now expect to leave here Monday evening I will be glad to get home although I have had a nice time East. I will see about the clock tomorrow. I am getting a ring made to order for Mamie - Have gotten sleeve buttons

for Robert and a pair for Edward - or Louis Some sock for Edward & Robert - I will then get some cuff buttons for John & Sheldon - Will get a dress for Grace also try and get furs - gloves I have - I must put into it tomorrow. I have the ruching It is very hard for me to know what to get for every body. I thought I would get a gown for Father for his bedroom also for Robert, Edward & Louis. I have dresses for the Girls aprons & collars dishes &c. Will see about the toy clothes also tomorrow. Am going to hear Lohengrin Friday evening with Edward Bruch -

Love to all -

Affectionately

Jennie.



"Oak Place" Feb. 25. 1886

My dear Mina;

We have been looking for a telegram from you all day. It is now almost four o'clock and we haven't heard from you yet. I have about come to the conclusion that you did not stop in Cincinnati at all only long enough to get breakfast. I wish and I know mother will feel better if you would send us word every day until you get safely settled some place so that you can write.

14-7634

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[FM001AAF], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 25th, 1886

Title

[FM001AAF], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 25th, 1886

Editor's Notes

14-7634. Waiting in vain all day for a telegram from you; you must have stopped in Cinncinati just long enough to breakfast; Mom would feel better if you would send word each day until you are settled; hard for me to accept that you are married; "But when I think of the one you have for a husband I feel content and think Everything is as it should be"; "You seemed so lovely last night when you left us all. Mr. Edison seemed so nice also. I hope he will learn to love me--as a sister for that is what I want to be to you both"; house has been restored to order after the wedding; "Every one that I have seen liked Mr. Edison's face so much and were pleased with him"; Mallory goes to Chicago tonight; weather disagreeable today; your wedding day was perfect; will pack up your things next Monday; Mom sends love to you and TAE; write soon; tell TAE to write too.

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Mallory, Walter Seeley
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

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- TAE personality and character
- Travel (TAE and family)

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"Oak Place" Feb. 25. 1886

My dear Mina,

We have been looking for a telegram from you all day. It is now almost four o'clock and we haven't heard from you yet. I have about come to the conclusion that you did not stop in Cincinnati at all only long enough to get breakfast. Louie and I know mother will feel better if you would send us word every day until you get safely settled some place so that you can write.

14-7634

When the thought comes to me that you are really married I feel that it must not be so. But When I think of the one you have for a husband I feel content and think everything is as it should be.

You will always be very dear to me and if I thought my doing for you was at an end I would feel very sad but I know you will allow me to help you sometimes. You seemed so lonely last night when you left us all. Mr. Edison seemed so nice also. I hope he will learn to love me as a sister for that is what I want to be to you both.

The friends soon left last night after you started and it seemed rather lonely. Mr. Charlie

Bruch and Walter Mallory stayed with us over night. Walter slept with Ira and they talked more than half the night. Charlie Bruch slept with Robert up stairs. Edward in the room with your gifts. Mother slept with me in my own bed in the little room and father in the larger one.

This morning we took up the covering from the sitting room and the halls and brought down the furniture and arranged things so that it seems quite home like again. The waiters and everything was out of the house by ten o'clock and the kitchen was left in perfect order. Grace was sorry it was all over. We now have to look forward to your return. You much; however, my darling, write often; we shall be so anxious to hear from you. We are going to put the flowers up stairs and keep them as long as possible just as they were yesterday. Every one that I have seen liked Mr. Edison's face so much and were pleased with him. They all thought you made a beautiful bride. Mrs. Goodrich, Margaret, Belle & David, also Mr. Marvin were over this morning, also Mr & Mrs. Root. Mrs. King and Susie were over this afternoon and looked at your presents.

Edward went to Pittsburg with C. Bruch this morning. Robert went to Canton. Walter Miller goes to Chicago tonight and Mr. Marvin goes to Detroit as well.

We will pack your things next Monday and will begin hemming your linen &c.

Today has been a very disagreeable day wind & rain, such a contrast to yesterday. Your wedding day was perfect. I do hope my darling sister's life may be just as bright as her wedding day. You have been on my mind so constantly for so many weeks that I can't give you up just yet. I love you truly my dear Mina and whe= ever concerns you will always be of interest to me.

Did you find your rings

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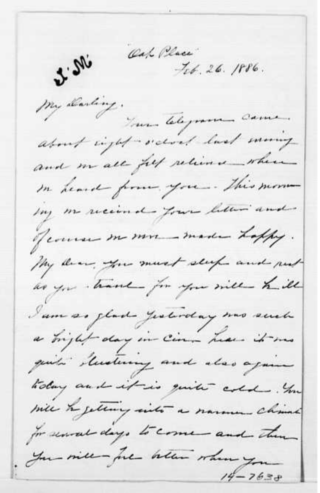
and do you remember anything about about my diamond I let Mrs. Stover wear? I can't find it. did you take it by mistake. It is the one with the three small diamonds.
We haven't seen anything of your rings I think you put them in your jewel box.
The night-dress you left to be laundried has no buttons on it and I think I will have button holes put in it in place of buttons so that you can wear the studs. I can have several of yours changed that way if you wish me to do so.

Mame returns to school tomorrow our family will soon be small again and then mother and I will spend the time working for and talking about you.

Mother sends her love to Mr. Edison and says you Tom haven't been out of her mind one minute today.

Write soon my dear, tell Mr. Edison to write also. Give him my love.

Your loving sister,
Jennie.



J.M.

"Oak Place"
Feb. 26. 1886.

My Darling.

Your telegram came about eight o'clock last evening and we all felt relieved when we heard from you. This morning we received your letter and of course we were made happy. My dear, you must sleep and rest as you travel for you will be ill I am so glad yesterday was such a bright day in Cin. here it was quite blustering and also again today and it is quite cold. You will be getting into a warmer climate for several days to come and then you will feel better when you

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Title

[FM001AAG], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 26th, 1886

Editor's Notes

14-7638. Got your telegram at 8 last night; got your letter this a.m.; try to rest while traveling; glad it was a bright day in Cinncinati yesterday; will try to get mother and father off in a week or so, so that they will arrive after you have been comfortably settled in your new home. TAE has confidence in you and you must have confidence in yourself; glad we had four weeks together in the east this winter; flower canopy still stands in the library and altar in parlor; in a day or so we will put flowers upstairs to dry; "everybody thought it a beautiful wedding--they thought you did so nicely--and all were pleased with Mr. Edison Our dear brother. When I think how kind and loving He is You could never have gotten a better husband. You know Mina I like him and am proud to have him as a brother;" announcement cards came this a.m.; sent you a letter yesterday, addressed to St. Augustine [FLORIDA]; Don't think it was proper for TAE's friends to accompany you to station and travel with you on train; glad we didn't listen to Mr. Toppan on this; didn't like the way you looked in the newspaper; sending a number of "Beacons" because we liked the article in there best.

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Akron Beacon Journal
- Toppan, Frank Winship
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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L.M.

"Oak Place"
Feb. 26. 1886.

My darling,

Your telegram came about eight o'clock last evening and we all felt relieved when we heard from you. This morning we received your letter and of course we were made happy. My dear, you must sleep and rest as you travel for you will be ill. I am so glad yesterday was such a bright day in Cin. here it was quite blustering and also again today and it is quite cold. You will be getting into a warmer climate for several days to come and then you will feel better when you arrive at your new home. I will try to get Father and Mother off in a week or two. so that they will arrive soon after you are comfortably settled. I do hope nothing will happen to prevent their going. Father is feeling quite well and so we all are for that matter. We miss you my dear but then we expected that we would. I went into my closet this morning this and saw your Foulard silk dress that you wore so much last summer and I could not keep back the tears. You are more to me than I can tell although I have not made you think so and often have said and done things that hurt you. I have tried to be true. I want you to be happy in your new life. and I think you are going to be. So much will depend upon you my dear and I think you can have it almost as you want it. For Mr. Edison has confidence in you and you must have confidence in yourself and then I know you can get along. I think everything is going to go along so smoothly that you will wonder at yourself. don't attempt too much at a time though. You will soon be home again and then we can visit. Since we have been home from N.Y. we haven't had a visit. I am so glad we had those few weeks together in in the east this winter.

The canopy of flowers still stands in the library. The altar in the parlor. We have arranged the furniture in rooms so that we can use them as usual. In a day or two we will put ~~them~~ flowers up-stairs to dry.

All we can hear every body thought it a beautiful wedding - they thought you did - so nicely - and all were pleased with Mr. Edison our new Brother. When I think how kind and loving he is ~~seems~~ you could never have gotten a better husband. You know Mina I like him and am proud to have him as a brother. The announcement cards only came this morning.

S.M.

I sent you a letter yesterday, to St. Augustine and only addressed to Mrs. Mina Miller Edison. St. Aug - I didn't know where you were to stop so call for the letter when you arrive there I put it in care of Mr. Edison.

I thought it wasn't proper for any one to go with you to the train why was it any more proper for Mr. E's. friends to go to the station & then travel with you for a short distance! I am glad we did not listen to Mr. Tappan, aren't you? Mother said if the boys had not gone to the train she would. I think Mr. Tappan can learn a few things yet about weddings.

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How did you like your looks in the newspapers? We did not think them at all good: We are sending you a number of Beacons for we like that article the best.

Mamie left this morning. Charlie Brush meets her at Youngstown and goes on with her.

Mr. Charles Brush's name is mentioned with Mr. Edison's friends and as being of their party.

I send the cards taken from your presents. I hope they will reach you all right.

We are trying to be happy and you must be. Grace and the little boys went to school this

morning. Grace started yesterday. Have you found your rings and my pin?

Give my love to Mr. Edison and accept much for yourself.

I hope Louise will do well for you.

Write often.

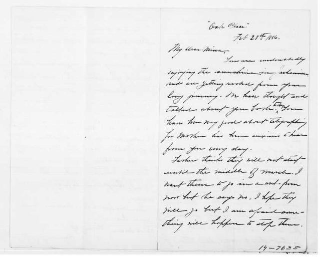
Lovingly

Jennie.

P.S. Whitman & Barnes had no card upon their present, the Onyx pedestal. Mr. Toppan did not leave a list of names for announcement cards.

Jennie.

Your gold stud is here. I also send this black velvet to wear with your pink dress. Did Mrs. Allison fix the collar all right?



"Oak Place"
Feb 28th 1886.

My dear Mina,

You are undoubtedly enjoying the sunshine in Jacksonville and are getting rested from your long journey. We have thought and talked about you both today. You have been very good about telegraphing for Mother has been anxious to hear from you every day.

Father thinks they will not start until the middle of March. I want them to go in a wk. from now but he says no. I hope they will go but I am afraid something will happen to stop them.

14-7635

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[FM001AAH], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 28th, 1886

Title

[FM001AAH], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 28th, 1886

Editor's Notes

14-7635. "You are undoubtedly enjoying the sunshine in Jacksonville"; mother's glad to get your telegrams; Father thinks he and mother won't start east till mid-March; I want them to go a week from now but he refuses; pretty toilet set arrived from Brown girls of Louisville, Ky; we will pack silver Mother & Father gave you; can TAE take the cases from Glenmont to Tiffany's and have them altered to store the silver?

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Tiffany & Co
- Glenmont
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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"Oak Place"

Feb 28th 1886.

My dear Mina,

You are undoubtedly enjoying the sunshine in Jacksonville and are getting rested from your long journey. We have thought and talked about you both today. You have been very good about telegraphing for Mother has been anxious to hear from you every day.

Father thinks they will not start until the middle of March. I want them to go in a week from now but he says no. I hope they will go but I am afraid something will happen to stop them.

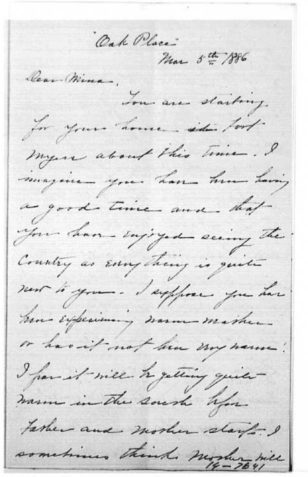
a very pretty toilet set came yesterday from the Brown girls of Louisville Ky.

We had the silver that Father & Mother gave you all put out on the table and if it were in a handsome case, it would look elegant. I am very much pleased with it and hope you will be. Do you not think it would be well if you would have Mr. E. have the cases that are at Glenmont taken to Tiffany's and have the cases altered so they will hold this silver. You know they said they would not send the silver to make a case for it so that they could alter those if

you think best. I thought it might be nice to have the cases ready so that you could arrange the silver as you unpack it. Excuse me for making this suggestion. Shall we keep your things here until you get to Glenmont & send them on as soon as we get them packed.

How we are scattered today. Last Sunday we were all together at "Oak Place" Today you are almost in the extreme south and Mame in the extreme East of the U.S. What great changes can happen in a day and.

Give my love to Mr. Edison - Remember me to Louise -
Love to Marion. Lovingly
Jennie



"Oak Place"
Mar 5th 1886

Dear Mina,

You are starting for your home in Fort Myers about this time. I imagine you have been having a good time and that you have enjoyed seeing the Country as every thing is quite new to you. I suppose you have been experiencing warm weather or has it not been very warm? I fear it will be getting quite warm in the south before Father and Mother starts. I sometimes think Mother will

14-7641

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[FM001AAI], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 5th, 1886

Title
[FM001AAI], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 5th, 1886

Editor's Notes
14-7641. You're starting for your home in Ft. Myers about now; I fear it will be hot in the South before Mother and Father leave and also that mother may not go South at all, though she will go to NY; had breakfast with Mr. Marvin; we have put the canopy, umbrella, altarpiece, etc. for the wedding upstairs to dry; everybody said your wedding was beautiful. [Much other gossip about the comings and goings of friends and family].

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Seminole Lodge and Fort Myers
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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"Oak Place"
Mar 5th 1886

Dear Mina,

You are starting for your home in Fort Myers about this time. I imagine you have been having a good time and that you have enjoyed seeing the Country as everything is quite new to you. I suppose you have been experiencing warm weather or has it not been very warm? I fear it will be getting quite warm in the South before Father and Mother start. I sometimes think Mother will

14-7641

not go as she says she cannot go both places South and N.Y. I intend to insist on her going South for I think she will go to N.Y. any way but South I fear if they don't go this winter they will not try it again very soon. We all have been very well ever since wedding with the exception of colds. Everybody has a cold so that is nothing. Aunt Lydia Stillman came up last Tuesday and stayed until Wednesday afternoon. We have had some calls. Mrs. Crouse,

Mrs. Knowlton, Mrs. Lyden, Mrs. King and Mattie, Mrs. Storrs Mrs. Cruger, Mrs. Goodrich and Margaret &c. Margaret returns home tomorrow. Miss Warren of Jamestown has been with her all week. Hattie Seiberling gave a fancy dress party last Wednesday evening. They were all masqued about half of the evening. Edward went. took Margaret and Miss Warren. They all looked very fine. Edmund's dress was that of Don Carlo - Miss Anna Barber represented a drum boy - they say she was the prettiest one there. Hattie Seiberling wore her suit that she wore when you drilled some-come up for that Carnival. Cora Wise and her Mother went to Massillon last Monday and they will not return until tomorrow. Cora Hall have called upon us.

Aunt Lucy started home last night. We were sorry to have her go but we could not persuade her to stay longer.

Susie Baldwin is getting no better I believe.

Mother has had three letters from you and a number of letters. We are all so glad that you keep us informed of your whereabouts. We have sent two messages to you and three or four letters. Everybody asks about and wishes to be

remembered to you. Cora especially. Mr. Marvin was here for breakfast. We had beefsteak and onions - potato cakes - and buckwheat cakes - I enjoyed my breakfast very much. I told Mr. Marvin I was going to write to you. He wished me to give you his love and said he would like to write to you. but he did not know as he had better. I told him I thought you would like to hear from him and that he should write and he said maybe he would on Sunday. He expects to go to Milwaukee Monday & will be gone all of next week then goes East.

14-7641

There is to be a church social tonight at the church but I do not intend going.

Mr. Louis and Flora Schumacher were married in Pittsburg Wednesday afternoon. They will be home after the twentieth of this month. You know they were obliged to go out of the state to be married, as cousins are not allowed to be married in this state.

We have put the canopy, umbrellas, altar piece &c. all up stairs. We are going to let them dry and keep them as they are as long as possible. I am sorry we could not keep them just as they were on your wedding

day but it was not possible. Everybody said everything was perfect that day. decorations, bride, groom, ceremony, and supper. So of course it pleases us all as well as yourself.

When you get this letter you will be at your destination. I hope you will find everything beautiful and lovely. And that you will be happy.

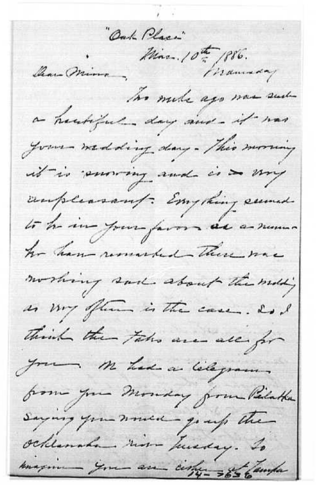
Give my love to Mr. Edison and self. Remember me to Louise. I suppose you are both pretty tired.

Mother sends love and I guess she will write you soon.

Lovingly
Jennie.

Mina. Mrs. Peabody of Zanesville
wrote me asking for a letter of
introduction to you for her son
and tutor who are travelling in
the South. They are now at Key
West and intend stopping at
Ft. Myers. I don't know the gentleman
but am acquainted with the Mother
who is a very nice lady. Mr.
Peabody is a nephew of the great
Peabody of England who died a
few years ago. This young man travels
with a tutor. So I will send them
a letter of introduction. I hardly think
they intend stopping long.

Jennie.



"Oak Place"
Mar. 10th 1886.
Dear Mina, Wednesday

Two weeks ago was such a beautiful day and it was your wedding day. This morning it is snowing and is so very unpleasant. Everything seemed to be in your favor as a number have remarked. There was nothing sad about the wedding as very often is the case. So I think the Fates are all for you. We had a telegram from you Monday from Palatka saying you would go up the Ocklawaha river Tuesday. So imagine you are either at Tampa

14-7636

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[FM001AAJ], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 10th, 1886

Title
[FM001AAJ], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 10th, 1886

Editor's Notes
14-7636. Had a telegram from you Monday from Palatka that you would go up the Ocklamaha River Tuesday; You are probably at Tampa getting ready for your "sea ride" or at Sandford, preparing to go by rail; will you go down the Kissimmee River; Father and Mother intend to leave early Monday morning, go right through De Funiack to St. Augustine [FLORIDA] and through to your place; Father says he will stay two weeks, but I think three; you should try to keep them; got your letter last Friday; sent you papers with story of terrible fire at Dora & Louis's; Mr. Marvin did a great deal to make your wedding run smoothly; your presents are packed but won't ship them until you return; am helping to make mattress covers for you. [Includes other trivial news about neighbors and friends].

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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"Oak Place"
Mar. 10th 1886.
Wednesday

Dear Minnie,

Two weeks ago was such a beautiful day and it was your wedding day. This morning it is snowing and is so very unpleasant. Everything seemed to be in your favor as a number have remarked there was nothing sad about the wedding as very often is the case. So I think the Fates are all for you. M had a telegram from you Monday from Palatka saying you would go up the Ocklawaha river Tuesday. So imagine you are either at Tampa

14-3636

today getting ready for your excursion at Sanford - ready to go on the railroad for a short distance. Will you go down the Kissimmee River? I should think from the maps that must be a very pretty sail - I think it would remind one of Portland - so many lakes &c.

You certainly have had a fine trip and you must have enjoyed it. Father and Mother intend starting early week from Monday morning and are going right through to de Funiak and from there to St. Augustine they want to go right through from there to your place and spend the time with

you. Father says he will be gone two weeks but I think they ought to stay three weeks at any rate. You must try and keep them. I received your letter last Friday and of course I was glad to hear direct from you. Of course I enjoy hearing from you from the others but it never seems quite so near as when it is your own. We look very anxiously for your letters. I let no one read your letter to me but Mother as I thought there was a sentence or two not intended for anyone. I will always try to use judgment in showing your letters so that if you wish to be at all confidential you can feel free so far as it is concerned. I will always try to be true.

I sent you papers Sunday telling all about the fire. It was a terrible thing. I feel so sorry for Dora & Louis - being off on their wedding trip. I believe they were expected home to day. I saw Dr. Burchard yesterday and he inquired very kindly after you and I invited him to call upon you when you returned. did I do right?

Mr. Marvin went to Milwaukee Monday, coming to be gone a week or ten days. I think Mina you had better write him a note thanking him for his services at your wedding

or send some word in one of your home letters. Also did you thank Miss Sybley? You know these little things go a great ways some times. You know Mr. Marvin did a great deal toward making your wedding run smoothly at the last moment!

Your presents are all packed now ready for shipping when you return. We thought best not to send them until you would be there to look after them. I intend going to Cleveland this afternoon to see about one or two dresses for Mother. I thought I would get Mrs. Bruge to make the dresses for her. I must write to Miss Richmond as she telegraphed saying she hadn't heard from me since she sent the dresses.

14-7636

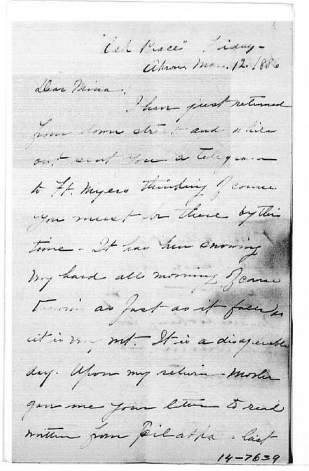
I invited my Sunday school class to come over Friday evening for supper. They all seemed pleased.

Mother and Mrs. Skinner are to tuft some comforts for you today and again tomorrow. We thought comforts to cover mattresses we could buy just as well as make. You know ~~you~~ can get very nice ones in N.Y. I am hemstitching some towels for you also overcasting some fringed ones we hope to have most of the sewing done ~~for~~ before Mother goes away with exception of the cotton sheets & pillow cases.

How long do you think you will stay here or don't you know. I guess it is almost too soon so you need not answer.

The home missionary society meets at Mrs. Woods this afternoon and Father is going there to supper. The gentleman take their lunch at the office now. Miss Price furnishes it for them. they think they will like it very much. So there is only Mother, John, Theodore, and myself here to dinner. If they continue this long enough we will take dinner or have hearty suppers perhaps although I think it is better to have noonday dinners.

I wish you would write me soon again. Miss Hattie Phillips called yesterday both give a great deal of love to Mr. Edison and of course keep most for yourself also love to Dot. Lovingly Jennie.


"Oak Place" Friday -
Akron Mar. 12. 1886

Dear Mina,

I have just returned from down street and while out sent you a telegram to Ft. Myers thinking of course you must be there by this time - It has been snowing very hard all morning & came [illegible] as fast as it falls as it is [illegible] wet. It is a disagreeable day. Upon my return mother gave me your letter to read written from Palatka - last

14-7639

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[FM001AAK], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 12th, 1886

Title
[FM001AAK], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 12th, 1886

Editor's Notes
14-7639.. Just sent you a telegram to Ft. Myers, thinking you must be there by now; your letter from written from Palatka last Monday came this morning; we had a message from you Monday evening saying you would go down the Ocklamaha River Tuesday; we've sent several items to St. Augustine [FLORIDA] and Ft. Myers; had ladies over to help tie "comforts" for you; "I am glad Mr. Edison is still a lover for that is the way your lives should be that of lovers; TAE should write us; glad you are happy; you should move faster or mother and father will get there the same time as you; sent you a picture of the fire [see FM001AAJ]; you probably will have left Sandford when this reaches there [Includes some other gossip about friends and family]

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Seminole Lodge and Fort Myers
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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"Oak Place" Friday -
Akron Mar. 12. 1886

Dear Mina,

I have just returned from down street and while out sent you a telegram to Ft. Myers thinking of course you must be there by this time - It has been snowing very hard all morning & came thawing as fast as it falls so it is very wet. It is a disagreeable day. Upon my return Mother gave me your letter to read written from Pilatka - last

14-7639

Monday - It came this morning. We had a message from you Monday evening saying you would go down the Ocklawaha river Tuesday - We have sent several letters to St. Augustine and have sent a number to Ft Myers - so I presume you will get them all at once. Mother and I have had our lunch and it tasted very good. We are looking for Aunt Marcia and cousin Libbie up on the noon train. They were to be here this morning but failed to reach the train in time I presume they will stay all night. I intend to go to Canton & spend Sunday with Aunt Alice. I met her in Cleveland on Wednesday and she is getting ready to go South too. They hardly expect to go as far south as you are but will go to St Augustine anyway - Uncle Jacob is not at all well -

Yesterday we asked Mrs. Goodrich Mrs. Knowlton over to help tie comforts for you We had Mrs. Skinner here also - We have four tacked and I think they are all so pretty - We intend to make one all white which I think will be very pretty - You may leave both comforts that you have taken down at the Meyers for you will have six nice ones any way and then buy six for sleeping upon - These ladies took dinner with us and we had a good time - My message to you next Thursday Mrs. Goodrich, Knowlton, Mother and self tied comforts for you - Aunt Marcie cousin Libbie are here -

Well: Sunday Canton - Snowing hard - Jennie

I think we have missed one of your letters for you spoke of one in the little boys letter that I am quite sure we have not received. We enjoy getting your letters very much and the time seems very long between ~~them~~. It seems much since you were married instead of only two - I am glad Mr. Edison is still a lover for that is the way your lives should be that of lovers. We would like of course to hear from him and I would like a letter from him too - Seems to me there are many things he could write to me about.

I sent Miss Richmond the money this morning and also asked her to forward some wraps. I thought I might select one and send with Mother's and arrange in case you do not like it you can exchange it when you return to N.Y. I will also have Mrs. Donovan send on some.

I am very glad you are happy and

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things seem all right. Hattie [illegible] and Mattie Hinny, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Parsons all called yesterday - also Mrs. Lake. The girls also Mrs. Lake wished to be remembered to you.

I think if you don't get on faster Father and Mother will be there as soon as you do - Father asked Mother if she had begun packing yet!

We sent this morning from Office (brother Ira did when I was there getting money) a Graphic with a picture of the Fire - We sent it to Ft. Myers - I suppose you will have left Sanford when this reaches there - We are not doing any sewing today as we expected

the friends from Canton.

Brother sends a great deal of love to you and Mr. Edison. I wonder if he feels that he partly belongs to us! I hope he will come right into the family and be one of us there. I think we will all feel that better. I intend to treat him as a brother I feel as though I had known him a long time. Do you suppose he likes me or is it for your sake alone! Are you writing to Mamie! You ought to if [illegible]

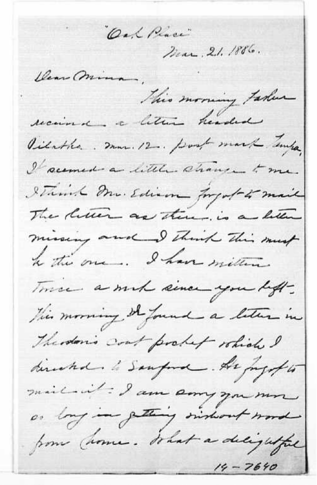
Mr. Marvin will not be home before the middle of next week. Then he will be here for a day then go East. to be gone sometime. Father and Mother think of leaving here visit you Monday. I hope they will enjoy the trip. Would you like your white dress we got in N.Y. if it is so very warm? Mother might bring it if you think you will need it.

Write to me whenever you can my dear and tell Mr Edison to write too. Minnie Richards is very poorly. Some think she will hardly live through the spring. I am so glad you had her at your wedding. Susie Baldwin wished me to thank you for the flowers and the cake. It was too bad you didn't take some of the cake with you. The large cakes are still uncut. We are

keeping them for you.

Be a good girl and don't forget to love me Mina in all of your happiness. Sometimes I feel so discouraged and that everybody is against me but then I think it is all my own fault and try to brace up and do the best I can.

With love to you and Mr [illegible]
I am Very Affectionately, Your Sister
Jennie.



"Oak Place"
Mar. 21. 1886.

Dear Mina,

This morning father received a letter headed Pilatka. Mar. 12. post mark Tampa, It seemed a little strange to me. I think Mr. Edison forgot to mail the letter as there is a letter missing and I think this must be the one. I have written twice a week since you left. This morning I found a letter in Theodore's coat pocket which I directed to Sanford. He forgot to mail it. I am sorry you were so long in getting without word from home. What a delightful

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Title

[FM001AAL], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 21st, 1886

Editor's Notes

14-7640. Father got a letter dated Palatka, Mar. 12, but postmarked Tampa; TAE must have forgotten to send this letter, which must be the missing letter; also found one of my letters to you in Theodore's coat pocket; he must have forgotten to mail it; received your telegram Thursday a.m., the first we'd heard from you in ten days; Although Father and Mother are not home, I think TAE should write too; Father and Mother start tonight for Funiack; hope you will keep them till you come North; Marvin is in NY; don't know when he will be home; Uncle Jacob leaves tomorrow and will meet Father & Mother at Funiack; had a letter from Dr. Vincent; he may visit on the 31st; remember me to [Mrs.] Gilliland and to Dot; father & mother will be with you by end of next week; they will telegraph you. [includes other news of neighbors and family]

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Jacob
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Gilliland, Lillian (Mrs Ezra T.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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"Oak Place"
Mar. 21. 1886.

Dear Mina,

This morning father received a letter headed Pilatka. Mar. 12. post mark Tampa. It seemed a little strange to me. I think Mr. Edison forgot to mail the letter as there is a letter missing and I think this must be the one. I have written twice a week since you left. This morning I found a letter in Theodore's coat pocket which I directed to Sanford. He forgot to mail it. I am sorry you were so long in getting without word from home. What a delightful trip you must have had but you were glad no doubt when you reached your home where you came rest and do as you please. There must have been quite a feeling of restraint travelling. We received your telegram Thursday morning we had not heard from you for about ten days until that word came. You have done well, however. I hope we will hear from you right along although Father and Mother are not at home. I think Mr. Edison might write too.

Father and Mother start tonight for [illegible]. I hope you will keep them with you until you return North. Ira says ~~he~~ father can stay just as well as not and would want them to. I hope they will enjoy the trip. This is a regular March - snows a while, then rains and then the sun shines - It is a very disagreeable day, out.

I am so sorry Miss Richmond had not sent any wraps yet so I can not send one with Mother I feel you ought to have one but can you get along until you reach home I will try to have some here by that time.

Mr. Marvin is in N. Y. I don't know when he will be home. Uncle Jacob leaves for the South tomorrow and meet Father & Mother Thursday at De Funiak. I don't know how far South they intend going. Uncle Jacob has been all about the South as far as Sanford &c. - I think though he has not been to Tampa. They will be gone about four weeks.

Minnie Richards is failing very fast. I was in to see her today. She will not give up however. I think if she gets through this month she will probably live until next Fall. She is such a lovely girl - Susie Baldwin is about the same. I presume you have

heard of Mr. Henry's death - It seems very sad. He was buried yesterday. rather placed in the vault.

I had a good time in Canton last Sunday. Mr. Walter Massey spent last Sunday with us. Chester Massey and Miss Anna Vincent were married last Wednesday. I had a letter or note from Dr. Vincent on Friday. He may be here on the 31.

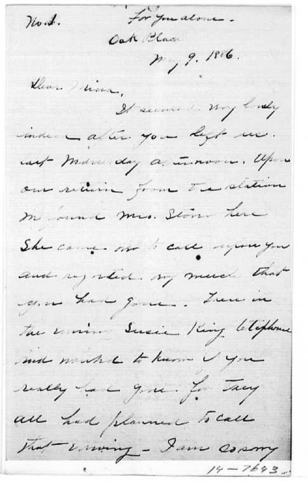
Let me hear from you whenever you feel like writing - You know I will love to hear from you.

Remember me very kindly to Mr. & Mrs. Gilliland - Mrs. Ilot.

With love for you & Mr. Edison
I am Lovingly
Jennie.

Father & Mother may be with you the last of next week. They will telegraph you.

14-7640



No. 1. For you alone.
Oak Place
May 9. 1886.

Dear Mina,

It seemed very lonely indeed after you left us. last Wednesday afternoon. Upon our return from the station we found Mrs. Stone here She came over to call upon you and regretted very much that you had gone. Then in the evening Susie King telephoned and wanted to know if you really had gone. for they all had planned to call that evening - I am so sorry

14-7643.

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[FM001AAM], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 9th, 1886

Title
[FM001AAM], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 9th, 1886

Editor's Notes
14-7643. Mrs. Stone called for you; and Susie King telephoned in the hope of arranging a visit; to bad you had to leave so soon; we will look for you to visit in August if not sooner; imagine you are having "quiet time" at Glenmont; received your message Friday evening; we sent a message and look for a letter tomorrow; hope you got everything we sent okay; had to put the wedding dress in the small trunk to avoid crushing it in the lay-over; Marvin hopes you will be here when he arrives likely next Weds.; did you intend to leave the feather for someone, or should we keep it for you?; hope you get good help right away and keep them; its hard to do; "They are all so independent"; Does TAE have a governess for Dot?'; If not, I can give you a name. [includes some other trivial news]

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- Edison-Miller family
- Labor

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Oak Place

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It seemed very lonely indeed after you left us last Monday afternoon. Upon our return from the station we found Mrs. Stone here. She came over to call upon you and regretted very much that you had gone. Then in the evening Susie King telephoned and wished to know if you really had gone. for they all had planned to call that evening - I am so sorry

14-7643

You were obliged to go so soon
We will look for you in August
if not sooner.

There was a church social in
Wednesday evening so we all went
to it for I hardly knew what
to do for it seemed so lonesome
It was a pleasant social but
I hardly think I would have gone
had you been here.

Grace and I intended going to
Cleveland Saturday but Mrs.
Sheehan didn't want us so I
go up Monday.

I imagine you are having
a quiet time at Glenmont
I hope it is pleasanter there

than here for it is really
quite chilly and rainy. We
received your message Friday
evening - Mother felt that
she must hear from you
so had me send a message
to you. We look for a letter
tomorrow. I hope every thing
arrived all right - your boxes
and the things in them - I
forgot to tell you about your
wedding dress - we were obliged
to put it in the small trunk
on account of crushing it in the
large one on account of the
tray being over it. I hope you
took it out right away.

I hope you will tell us about everything. I presume you are very happy. ~~and~~ I wonder if you are alone today with your family I hardly think you are. We of course all attended Sunday school and church. Mr. Marvin hopes you will be here when she returns home. He thinks of being here next Wednesday.

Mrs. Conger and her sons leave for N.Y. Tuesday. They sail for Europe that is the boys sail next Saturday. I wonder if Mrs. Conger will go out to see you. Mother and I have gone out every day for a

since you left. She has called upon each sick persons who are confined to the house. You know Mother will never go out for a drive unless there is an object or a reason for her going aside from pleasure.

You left one of those feathers here. For whom did you intend it or shall we keep it for you?

Annie leaves us this week. a new girl comes tomorrow. and Mother dreads it. I hope she will get good help right away and then can keep them. For it is a very hard thing to do nowadays. They are so independent.

14-7643

Has Mr. Edison a governess in view for Dot? Mrs. Upson wrote me about a lady and if you would like I will send the letter to you. I guess I will send it any way and then you can do as you please..

I scarcely know what to write this afternoon so guess I had better stop.

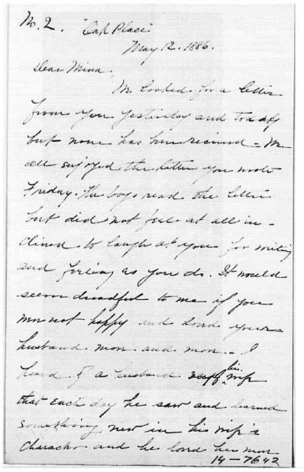
Give my love to Mr. Edison Marion and the little boys. Write me as often as possible.

Affectionately

Jennie –

I have a miserable pen. You must excuse the "blunders" so often – also I hardly –

This letter is for you alone –



No. 2. "Oak Place"
May 12. 1886.

Dear Mina,

We looked for a letter from you yesterday and today but none has been received - We all enjoyed the letter you wrote Friday. The boys read the letter but did not feel at all inclined to laugh at you for writing and feeling as you do. It would seem dreadful to me if you were not happy and loved your husband more and more. I heard of a husband saying his wife that each day he saw and learned something new in his wife's character and he loved her more

14-7642

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[FM001AAN], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 12th, 1886

Title

[FM001AAN], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 12th, 1886

Editor's Notes

14-7642. Looked for a letter from you yesterday and today, but had none; enjoyed your Friday letter; the boys were not "inclined to laugh at you for writing and feeling as you do"; "It would seem dreadful to me if you were not happy and loved your husband more and more"; I heard of a husband whose love for his wife increased over time as he got to know her character; I hope that will happen in your case; "What I have seen of Mr. Edison seems to me he is very patient, loving, & kind--and I think he is very fond of you"; don't fret about household cares; find some good servants, particularly a cook; went to a party with older married people, which made me feel like an old maid; will try to have everything ready to send or bring to you; perhaps TAE would rather I not come now since he said nothing to me about coming; don't wish to intrude; write to Mary; she feels neglected.

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

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- Edison-Miller family
- TAE personality and character

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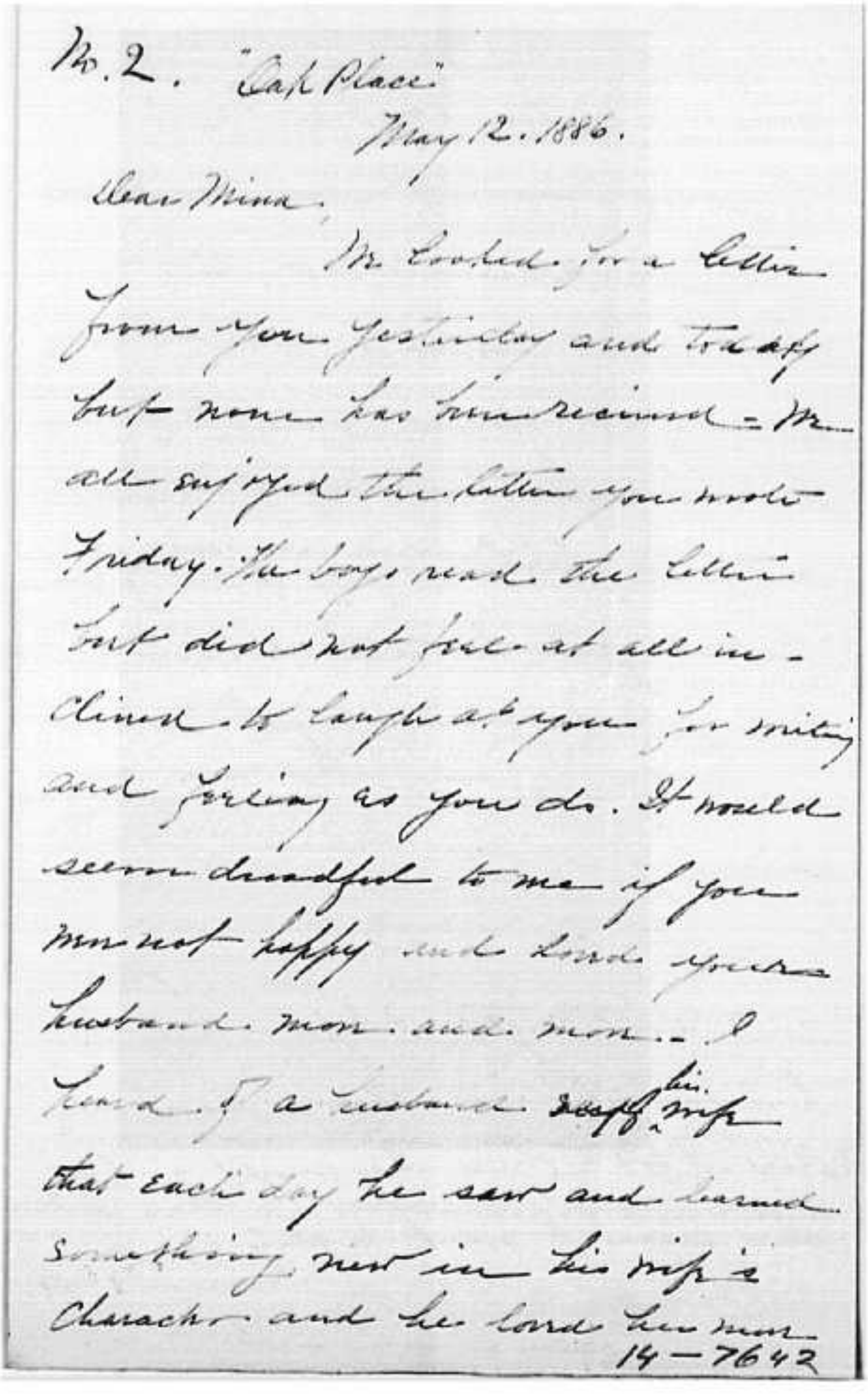

No. 2. "Oak Place"
May 12. 1886.

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14—7642

and mon.. They had been married some years too. My dear Mina I hope it may be so in your case and then seems to me there will be perfect happiness. What I have seen of Mr. Edison seems to me he is very patient, loving, & kind. — and I think he is very fond of you. About your household cares you will get along all right and I don't think you will have any trouble if you get good servants particularly a cook. Our new dining room girl came last night. I hope we will like her and she us — Annie leaves Saturday — I told her she might go but she seems to want to stay this week. I went to Cleveland Monday and am

going up again tomorrow. Yesterday and today Mother has been putting away furs and we have been looking over the old dresses. Several of yours we are going to send to Mary Hunter. Your green — you wore last summer a pink cambric and seems to me another one but I have forgotten. Mr. Snyder's had a tea party last evening Father & Mother and myself were invited and went. There were mostly married people present — such as Mr. Jackson's Mr. Stone, — Mr. Herrick's Dr. Young's Mrs. Lake &c. It made me think I was getting old — for I remember when Miss Addie Elkins used to be invited with all the older people and she was considered an old maid — It doesn't seem possible I am so old.

Father is getting some oil paintings and the men have been hanging them today and I have been overseeing the work. I spent about half of the day doing it. I felt a little tired this evening. I dread going to Cleveland tomorrow but I must if I have any dresses this season. We intend to have Messrs Snyder's, Hodge - Young's and perhaps McNair's over for dinner. Friday. Minnie seems to be failing all the time - poor child - I really feel sorry for her.

I will try to ~~bring~~ have all things ready for you to send or bring to you, Mina perhaps Mr. Edison would rather not have me come now as he said nothing to me about

coming. He may prefer to be alone with you for a while at least - Of course I don't want to intrude or do anything which will not be perfectly agreeable to all. I fear I will not be wanted by all and in that case I would rather never go. I am ready and want to do all in my power to help you if I can. I can't do much but I am willing to do what I can.

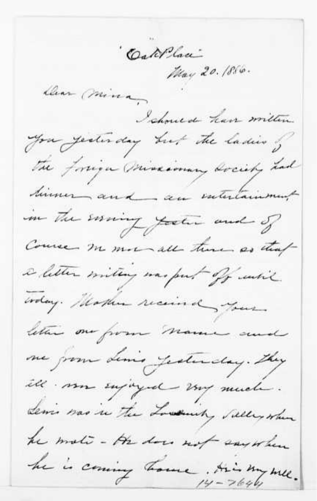
Have you written to Mary. She feels you have neglected her. She is working hard - poor child - I do hope she will pass and do well. She wrote that she was going to Boston to see about her dresses on Saturday - I wrote Miss Lee what to get her and Mama says two of her dresses are going to be very pretty indeed.

Write to us there - I think it will be very nice to write regularly Wednesdays and Sundays as you said. I will write you Wednesday or Sunday the day Mother does not so that you will get two letters a week regularly. I hope everything is well with you -

Love to Mr. Edison, Dot or Marion and the little boys - Also Mr & Mrs Edison if they are still with you

Affectionately,

Jennie.



"Oak Place"
May 20. 1886.

Dear Mina,

I should have written you yesterday but the ladies of the Foreign Missionary Society had dinner and an entertainment in the evening here and of course we were all there so that letter writing was put off until today. Mother received your letter one from Mame and one from Lewis yesterday. They all were enjoyed very much. Lewis was in the [illegible] Valley when he wrote - He does not say when he is coming home. He is very well.

14-7644

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[FM001AAO], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 20th, 1886

Title
[FM001AAO], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 20th, 1886

Editor's Notes
[Glenmont household / servants] 14-7644. Mother received your letter yesterday; she wants to know if you want your dresses from last summer; your laundry things are not finished, but should be next week; will send them then; we put out the plants and vases; the green this year is beautiful; you don't have many trees around your place do you?; Marvin returned Sunday from Detroit; strange the Gillilands haven't called on you; I think they're in NY; Is there only one Methodist Episcopal Church in Orange?; it must be quite different from ours; hope you find a good cook; can't you or TAE find one in the city; why do you need a fourth one, if three do the work well; Pat [who takes care of the horses] got in trouble with a girl, though he denies it, and father had to pay his bail; he'll likely be let go; the little plant TAE brought is "about dead"; glad you're getting along well; TAE must be a big help to you; Will Hawk at the Windsor Hotel might find you a cook.

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Orange Methodist Episcopal Church
- Gilliland, Ezra Torrance
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Gilliland, Lillian (Mrs Ezra T.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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'Oak Place'

May 20. 1886.

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14-7644

I had a note from Mrs. Bruch also yesterday from Canton. She has been here a week or two and Eliza is to stay until the first of June. She inquired after you and supposed you were in your own home in New Jersey.

Mother wants to know if you want all your old dresses sent to you. You had the black camel hair - Green suit worn last summer Your cloth braided suit. Your blue woolen dress that you had with you South. A pink cambric and a light woolen cloth suit you got two years ago in Boston &c. Let Mother know for if what you do not want we will send to Mary or use them some other way.

Your Laundry things are not all finished I presume they will be this week and then we will send them on all together.

Everything is beautiful now we have put out the plants and vases - the green this year is perfectly beautiful. If I remember correctly you do not have many trees about your place have you!

Mr. Marvin returned home Sunday from Detroit where he saw Florence Gilchrist in very poor health. He said she was in a very critical condition - I have written her and if she would like to have me I will go up next week and spend a day or two with her - Perhaps go up one night and return the next - They have beautiful boats between Cleveland and Detroit.

It seems very strange to me that Mr Gillilands havent called upon you yet - aren't they in New York now? I hope you have called upon Mrs. Nevins by this time. Is there but one Methodist Episcopal church in Orange?
the church
It must have been quite a contrast to our own church at home but then you must expect that.

I hope you will succeed in getting a good Cook! Why dont you go to the City and get a professional or a first class one. You will have to pay them thirty or twenty five dollars a month, perhaps more. Can't Mrs. Edison find you one or get one for you? If the three do the work nicely why do you bother with a fourth one!

There has been a woman here trying to sell Mother a corset and I was called down to see it. Mother decided not to take one. She wishes you might see how lonely it is about home now. Everything has come out so perfectly. Mother sends a great deal of love.

14-7644

I feel so tired and have but little ambition to do any thing. I presume it is the Spring weather.

Ira had Cora at the sociable last night and she looked quite pretty. She wore a pale green suit with hat trimmed to match. Cora helped ~~dish~~ serve the dessert yesterday at the dinner.

Nellie Dodge gives a party Friday evening. it is her eighteenth anniversary We are all invited. I spent one day this week at ~~the~~ Dr. Snyder's. have an engagement with him for next Tuesday. The Odd Fellows have been having great doings here this week and the other day the other members were paying them attention by showing them about the town and through the factories &c. our carriage carried some. When they were at the match factory our horse was very badly hurt as a carriage backed right into him and cut his breast fearfully So that it will some weeks before he can used again. It is really pitiful to see him he stands so patiently never moves when any body comes near. The Dr. thinks he will get over it all right but it will be a long time. Pat has been in trouble and has just gone through a trial. I think though he will be cleared. You remember the day you left home there was a woman here to see me concerning Pat and her daughter and she threatened then to have Pat arrested for abusing her daughter but Pat denies ever having any thing to do with the girl - Father must have said we have another very good fellow in his place however. and I guess will not keep Pat for the horses any longer. We have taken (or are about to do so) the Greenhouse back. The little plant Mr. Edison brought is about dead so that we cannot expect anything from it. ~~He~~ We will have to try it again sometime.

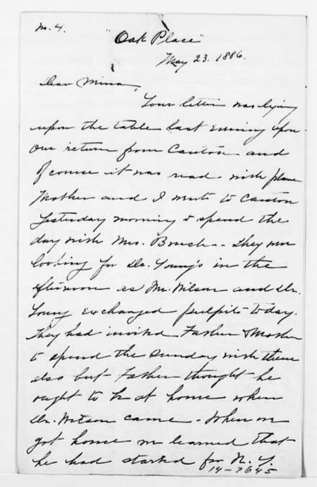
I am glad you are getting along so nicely with everything - Mrs. Edison must be a great help to you.

Mary says when she makes a change she wants to do Chamber work for she is tired of cooking. The dining room girl we have now is an excellent Cook ~~for~~

Maybe Mr. Will Hand could tell you of a good cook you know he is at the Windsor Hotel - He might possibly put you on track of some one. I wouldn't bother with a fourth girl if I were you at present if these three girls can do the work. and I don't see why they can't with your small family. Let us hear from you often -

With ever so much love

Affectionately
Jennie.



m. 4. "Oak Place"
May 23. 1886.
Dear Mina,
Your letter was lying
upon the table last evening upon
our return from Canton and
of course it was read with pleasure
Mother and I went to Canton
Yesterday morning to spend the
day with Mrs. Bruch - they were
looking for Dr. Young's in the
afternoon as Mr. Wilson and Dr.
Young exchanged pulpits to day.
They had invited Father & Mother
to spend the Sunday with them
also but Father thought he
ought to be at home when
Dr. Wilson came. When we
got home we learned that
he had started for N. Y.
14-7645

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Title
[FM001AAP], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 23rd, 1886

Editor's Notes
14-7645. Got your letter last evening upon returning from Canton; father had not gone with us and when we returned, we learned he had gone to N.Y.; presume he will spend the day with you; was kind of you to ask Mrs. Conyer out; you deserve all that TAE has given you and will manage all well; am glad you're so happy; I want mother to go see you; send a note to Mrs. Bruck to visit you at Glenmont; "Sometime when I am there we can invite Dr. Vincent's people to come"; perhaps I should wait till next week to come east; I want to go to Boston; you could come with Marion and Thomas to see the historical sites; we could then spend a week or ten days in the mountains, return to N.Y. for four days, and then go to Chautauqua; TAE could spare you for that long; I won't come till next week so you can have some quiet; as it is you haven't been alone in either home since you were married. [Includes other gossipy news]

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Conger, Emily Bronson (Mrs Arthur L.)
- Bruch, Kate Patterson
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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No. 4.

"Oak Place"

May 23. 1886.

Dear Mina,

Your letter was lying upon the table last evening upon our return from Canton and of course it was read with pleasure. Mother and I went to Canton yesterday morning & spend the day with Mrs. Bunch — they were looking for Dr. Young's in the afternoon as Mr. Wilson and Dr. Young exchanged pulpits to-day. They had invited Father & Mother to spend the Sunday with them also but Father thought he ought to be at home when Dr. Watson came. When we got home we learned that he had started for N.Y.

14-7645

which was a very great surprise to us - for we hadn't heard that he thought of going - I guess he decided very suddenly. I presume he will spend the day with you I hope so at least. We had a pleasant time at Mr. Pattersons saw Robert and visited him in his room. He came up with us for tea. Mr. Wilson also stopped with us. I suppose Mrs. Conger was delighted with everything - and it was very kind of you to ask her out. I think my dear you are deserving of everything that Mr. Edison has given you and I haven't any fears but what you are going to manage everything all right. I am glad you are so happy. I want Mother to go and see you now but I hardly think she possibly I can persuade her yet. I think you had better send a note to Mrs. Brush and her boys that you are at Glenmont and would be pleased to have them call upon you. And any other of your friends that you would like to particularly to call upon you. Sometime when I am there we can invite Dr. Vincents people to call. Perhaps I had better wait until next week before going on East and then stay until the children can come and then take in a trip to Boston &c. I thought it might be nice if

You could go with us and take Marion & Thomas - And visit the historical places about Boston and then a trip of a week or ten days in the Mountains and then back to N.Y. for a few days and then come on to Chautauqua - Make our trip from N.Y. about two weeks. I think it would be good for us all - Mr. Edison could spare you that long i think - we can however plan later - It has been very warm at home. almost summer weather.

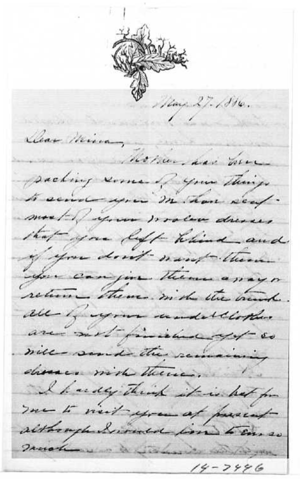
I understood the other day that Mattie Berry was in the family way I don't see her out very often so I presume it is true.

Tad McEbright is at Cornell College she went early this spring I saw Kitt the other day and she said the reason she did not call upon you was that she only got home the day before you left for N.Y. Next time you visit home you must arrange to make us a long visit.

I don't know very much news to tell you - as I go out so little in the visiting way. Nellie Dodge had her usual anniversary party last Friday evening we were all there. - It was her eighth anniversary - Anna was six years old and Mr. Snyder's have been married 37 years - you remember it was their anniversary too. Minnie Richards is about the same. - I haven't heard

from Florence yet so don't know
as I will go there.
The cook book was put into one of
the boxes that was packed in the
bed room. I think with the set of
silver from home. Your straw bonnet
was also put into one of the trunks
the one with the wedding dress.
I hope you have found them
before this. I will try to remember
everything you have asked for.
I will write again Wednesday. I think
though I will not come [illegible]
next week and then if everything is
favorable I will start. It will
give you a little time to be
alone and then perhaps you
will feel more like having some
one with after a week of
perfect quiet. As it is Mina
you haven't really been alone
in either home since you
have been married. I will be
on hand in a week or ten
days. I never have been in N. Y.
this time of year.
I hope you all will be glad
to ~~have~~ me ~~with~~ you -
I presume mother will write to
you today.

With ever so much love
Jennie.



May 27. 1886.

Dear Mina,

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I hardly think it is best for me to visit you at present although I would love to ever so much

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Editor's Notes
14-7646. [Glenmont household / servants] Have sent or will soon send most of your clothes; Father was pleased with your home, and said you were happy; hope we can get mother to visit you this summer with the little boys; I won't be coming east as planned; Mrs. Goodrich told Marvin you might be able to get Mrs. Earl for a governess; Mrs. Haslette might also be a good choice.

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Goodrich, Mary Elizabeth Marvin (Mrs B.F.)
- Miller, Lewis
- Earl, Elizabeth F
- Marvin, Richard Pratt

Date
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Edison-Miller family

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I hardly think it is best for me to visit you at present although I would like to ever so much

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Mother has been busy all week cleaning Grace's room with the help of a woman. The room is about finished.

Father was very much pleased with your home and its surroundings. He said you seemed perfectly happy and were getting along nicely. He said you had a very nice dinner. He enjoyed his visit very much. I hope we can get Mother to visit you this summer and take the little boys. I fear my plans laid last Sunday will not be carried out as I do not expect to go east this summer.

It is cold and disagreeable today we have a big fire in the sitting room.

Saturday Father and I went into the country to a Sunday

school convention and we had a good time. Father was on the programme and did very nicely indeed.

I expect to go Cleveland tomorrow.

Excuse me for mentioning again ~~those~~ name of some one for a governess. Mrs. Goodrich wrote to Mr. Marvin that she thought you could get Mrs. Earle if you would like her. She is Mrs. Upson's sister as I suppose you know. She is a charming lady and one who has had experience with young ladies. Miss Haslette the lady I spoke of before is of recommended very highly. She is from an excellent family is a very good musician and is finely educated. Her home is in Pittsburg but she will be in

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New York until the middle of June

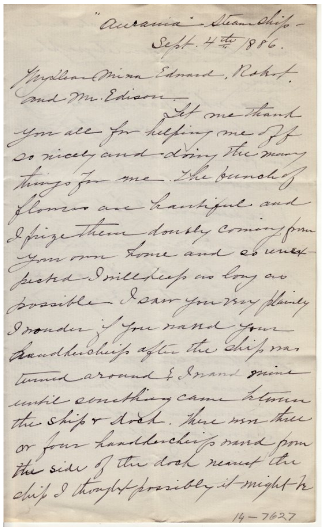
We are all very well and every thing goes on as usual at home.

Robert is to spend Sunday in Indianapolis.

With ever so much love.

Jennie.

Mother sends love.



"Aurania" Steamship-
Sept. 4th 1886.

My dear Mina Edward, Robert, and Mr. Edison.

Let me thank you all for helping me off so nicely and doing the many things for me. The bunch of flowers are beautiful and I prize them doubly coming from your own home and so unexpected I will keep as long as possible. I saw you very plainly I wonder if you waved your handkerchiefs after the ship was turned around & I waved mine until something came between the ship & dock. There were three or four handkerchiefs waved from the side of the dock nearest the ship I thought possibly it might be

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Title

[FM001AAR1], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Edward Burkett Miller, Robert Anderson Miller, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, September 4th, 1886

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Bruch, Kate Patterson
- Vincent, Elizabeth Dusenbury (Mrs John H.)

Date

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Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel
- Ships, yachts, and other vessels

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you— I saw Mrs. Bruch and Mrs. Kilt did you telegraph them!

Mina what was it that Mrs. Vincent said to you that made you feel so sad for a minute at least there was such a change of expression. I hope she said nothing to make you feel badly. Now my dear I want you to write often - I will think of you all very often —

Thanking you again for your kindness - also for Mr. Edison's entertainment last evening

I am lovingly
Jennie.

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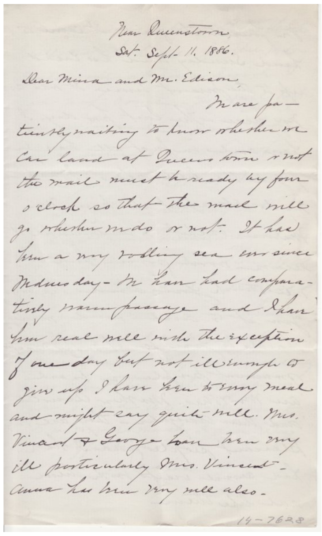
Mina go home Xmas time
and make a long visit-
Hope you will have a pleasant
winter -

Jennie -



Near Queenstown
Sat. Sept. 11. 1886.

Dear Mina and Mr. Edison,

We are patiently waiting to know whether we can land at Queenstown or not the mail must be ready by four o'clock so that the mail will go whether we do or not. It has been a very rolling sea ever since Wednesday– We have had comparatively warm passage and I have been real well with the exception of one day but not ill enough to give up I have been to every meal and might say quite well. Mrs. Vincent & George have been very ill particularly Mrs. Vincent– Anna has been very well also–

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Title
[FM001AAR2], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 11th, 1886

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Vincent, Elizabeth Dusenbury (Mrs John H.)
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Vincent, George Edgar
- Studebaker, Anne, (Mrs Charles Carlisle)

Date
1886-09-11

Type
Letter

Subject

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- Travel
- Health and medicine
- Ships, yachts, and other vessels

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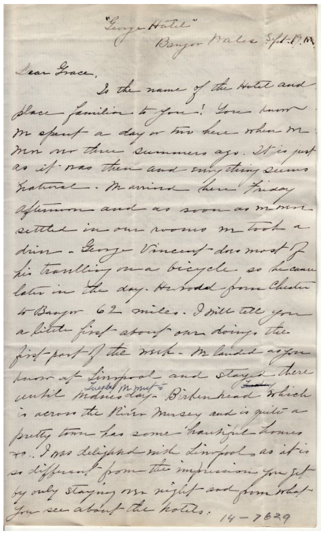
We found the fruit. It came to hand Sunday and has lasted up to the present time. It was so very nice - The last few days I have and in fact all have enjoyed the little pears - I have my doubts about its being Mr. Marvin's basket & and until I receive word from him I will think you and the boys gave it to aunt and send many thanks to you for it. The most prominent people on board are Mr & Mrs. Mathew Arnold and their daughter - they are very pleasant people and I have had several visits with them and like them.

It makes me feel badly to think I will not be home for the weddings and at times I wish I had not come — You will keep me informed — I will look for a letter in a few days from you as well as Mother. We will spend Sunday in Cork go direct from Queenstown. We will not visit Ireland now if we are obliged to land at Liverpool — I will write you again ~~from~~ soon — and wish you would write to me often. I find I must stop rather suddenly so as to put this in the bag as we have passed the signal point.

With ever so much I am very
Affectionately
Jennie.


"George Hotel"
Bangor Wales Sept. 19. 188

Dear Grace,

Is the name of the Hotel and place familiar to you? You know we spent a day or two here when we were over three summers ago. It is just as it was then and everything seems natural. We arrived here Friday afternoon and as soon as we were settled in our rooms we took a drive. George Vincent does most of his travelling on a bicycle so he came later in the day. He rode from Chester to Bangor 62 miles. I will tell you a little first about our doings the first part of the week. We landed as you know at Liverpool and stayed there until Wednesday. Tuesday we went to Birkenhead ~~Tuesday~~ which is across the River Mersey and is quite a pretty town has some beautiful homes &c. I was delighted with Liverpool as it is so different from the impression you get by only staying over night and from what you see about the hotels.

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[FM001AAR3], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Grace A Miller, September 19th, 1886

Title
[FM001AAR3], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Grace A Miller, September 19th, 1886

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Miller, Grace A

Mentioned

- Gladstone, William Ewart
- Hartley, Fountain John
- Miller, Lewis
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Vincent, George Edgar
- Studebaker, Anne, (Mrs Charles Carlisle)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1886-09-19

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Subject

- Edison-Miller family
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"George Hotel"
Bangor Wales Sept. 17. 18

Dear Grace,

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Wednesday We went second class to Chester which annoyed Dr. Vincent as he wants to travel 1st and all the rest of the party are content with 2nd. Well we stopped at the "Grosvenor Hotel" in Chester after an hour & a quarter ride. It seemed good to get into the old house and have such large airy rooms we had rooms very near the ones we had when there. We went out for a walk round the wall - and stopped in the tower called the Water Tower and it is in the garden near this tower that the Roman baths are. Upon our return to the hotel we took table-de-hote and then settled accounts. by the end of which it was time to retire.

Thursday morning we visited the Cathedral and walked about the streets those double rows you remember. In the afternoon we drove to "Eaton Hall" Duke of Westminster's place. We walked about the garden and visited the house. You know when we were there we could not go into the house

as it was being repaired but we saw
the horses there which we did not see
this time - The house had Mr. Edison's
light - It was a handsome place. From
Eaton Hall we went to Hawarden Castle
the home of Mr. Gladstone. There
is the old ruined Castle which
we visited but the new Castle the
home we could not visit but had
a good view of it. We then visit
the village church where the son of
Gladstone is Rector. Early on Friday we
took the train for Conway and visited
the Conway Castle - and a house
which is called Queen Elizabeth's House.
The Conway Castle is quite pre fine
it is almost completely covered with
ivy. We had a very good dinner
at the Castle Hotel and enjoyed
it exceedingly. We then came on to
Bangor where we will stay until Monday
We drove out to Penrhyn Slate Quarries
soon after getting here and had a

look at them but it was not so interesting as when we visited them for the men were not at work. Saturday (yesterday) we drove to Carnarvon and saw the Castle there and then on to Llanberis where we had lunch and then to Bettyws-y-Coed and then back to Bangor. We visited all this ground when we were here - you will remember we spent Sunday at Bettyws - I think any way we stayed there over night and saw the Fairy Glen &c. We drove in all yesterday fifty miles - When we got in last night at half past eight - we found Mr. Hartley of London here to spend the Sunday with Dr. Vincent - Anna and I came to our room right after we finished dinner. We had a fire and it seemed so cosy - Dr. Vincents have a sitting room and we have our meals in it. Mr. Hartley inquired all about Father & Mother and the Bro. & sisters. You ask Father if those little lessons books are not

entirely his own - I asked Dr. Vincent
this morning if he had seen father's
book and he said "oh yes they were
gotten up from some of his different
books" &c. Dr. Vincent & Mr. Hartley
went to church this morning and are
going to Sunday school this afternoon.
I think Mr. Hartley holds about the same
position in Sunday School work in Eng.
as Dr. V. does in America.

We go from here tomorrow to Lowwood
on Lake Windermere - You remember that is
where we stayed. We shall stop there
three or four days - We spend all this week in
the English Lake district reaching Edinburgh
by next Saturday where we will
make it our head quarters for Scotland.
I don't know how long we will spend in
Scotland but I think a week or ten days.
Then we go to Matlockbath where we will
spend another week and make excursions
out. As Dr. Vincent and George
must write some.

I regret very much that I came away
for I would like to be at home to attend
the boys weddings. I don't feel quite right
being way off here when those kind of things

are going on at home. It may be all for the best however.

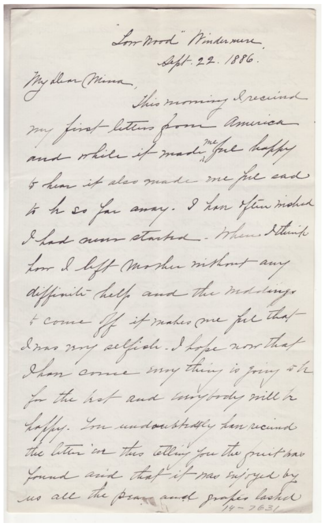
This letter you might send on to Mame and Mina and then when I write to them they can send them home to you in that way I will not need to repeat my letters.

You must write to me often. I haven't heard from home yet presume I will get mail tomorrow night when I reach Lorwood.

With ever so much love to all I am Lovingly,

Jennie.

[FM001AAR4], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 22nd, 1886



"Low Wood" Windermere.
Sept. 22. 1886.

My dear Mina,

This morning I received my first letters from America and while it made me feel happy to hear it also made me feel sad to be so far away. I have often wished I had never started. When I think how I left Mother without any diffinite help and the weddings to come off it makes me feel that I was very selfish. I hope now that I have come every thing is going to be for the best and everybody will be happy. You undoubtedly have received the letter ere this telling you the fruit was found and that it was enjoyed by us all the pears and grapes lasted

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Title

[FM001AAR4], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 22nd, 1886

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Aultman (C.) & Co
- Vincent, Elizabeth Dusenbury (Mrs John H.)
- Wordsworth, William
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Grace A
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Vincent, George Edgar
- Studebaker, Anne, (Mrs Charles Carlisle)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Subject

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- Celebrations (anniversaries, birthdays, holidays)
- Travel
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all the way over. You know Anna Studer. had quite a large basket too. George and Mrs Vincent were quite ill but the rest of us got through quite well.

We landed at ~~Queenstown~~ Liverpool because there was such a fog that the tender could not come out at Queenstown. I was pleased to land at Liverpool for I did not care to go through Ireland again and as it is we will not visit that part of the kingdom until we start for home. Then I think I will linger in Paris or London. We spent three days in Liverpool and I was perfectly surprised to see what a pretty City it is when you get up out of the business portion of the City. From Liverpool we went direct to Chester. George rode his bicycle. We stopped at the Grosvenor where we stayed and had rooms near the ones we had. We walked around the walls and about the streets. Went to Eaton hall and ~~Hawarden~~ Gladstones home which I did not know of when we were here. You can visit that ~~again~~ when you come again. From Chester we visited Conway Castle in Wales. and then went on to Bangor. Where we stayed until Monday morning. We took the train at Bangor for Chester where we changed cars for Warrington then changed again for train for Windermere. It was an all days ride for we did not reach Low Wood until about half past five in the evening. Low Wood seemed so natural Everything so clean and home like You remember we all liked this place so much ~~when~~ after our drive from Keswick and spending the Sunday there. We have good rooms but it is too cold to be without fire so we have fire. Tuesday morning we stayed in all morning as we had mending to do and all had writing. George came in on his Bicycle about noon He intends to travel on that whenever he can. In the afternoon we drove to Grasmere saw the old church Wordsworth's grave &c. De Quincey's old home. Rydal Mount and Falls. We saw everything when we drove down from Keswick. Dr. Vincent seems to be very enthusiastic over Wordsworth and is going to visit every place possible connected with him.

This morning Mrs. Vincent and Anna have gone to Conniston and Furness Abbey but I did not feel that I wanted to go again so thought I would remain in and write letters. Tomorrow we go I believe to Ulswater, Cockermouth (birthplace of Wordsworth) and

I think stay all night on the way and then on the next day to Keswick taking in Buttermere and Honiston Pass- I think we took the same trip only did part of it from Keswick and the other part from Windermere. We are going on from Keswick to Edinburgh. I am afraid it will be very cold in Scotland. From Edinburgh we expect to make excursions - to the Scottish lakes &c. We will go to Oban and go up the Calidonian Canal to Inverness. I think that will be all we will do in Scotland at least in the northern part. We did not take the Canal trip for I think the trip we had was much nicer - for we saw all that was particularly fine on the canal route except the Foyer Falls. We hope to be in Edinburgh to spend next Sunday and

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I think we will remain Scotland a week or ten days. Then we go to Matlock-Bath. We will take Lodgings there and spend a week so that George and Dr. Vincent can do some writing I am anxious to get ~~units~~ in the Continent for I have seen all of Scotland I want for a while and would rather spend my money in Europe seeing what I want to see. We hope to get to Paris by the last of Oct. Shall I do any thing about a wrap or Seal skin for you this Fall or wait until I return I thought I might get you a handsome winter wrap and if I had an opportunity to send it home or would you rather have the seal skin? You had better send ~~the~~ your measure so that there will be no mistake.

Is there anything else you would like
me to get? I thought I could send
little things by book post without extra
charge.

I had a long letter from Mr. Marvin
this morning - of course he thinks
I am all to blame. He thinks I
should have consulted him about
coming to Europe and should have
talked with him first about everything
I will write to him; I prefer however
to have the matter of marriage dropped
I now do not feel that I ever want
to marry. At the same time I want
Mr. Marvin as a dear friend.

Mima what do you mean when you
say "battle with yourself." I can see
perfectly you would not really have been happy
had you made a different choice. In
every case there are some things we
would have different and everyone

has certain things to fight against - Now you have a loving and from all I can judge a devoted husband - I think he loves you perfectly - I think the children love you. You must be happy and not think of the past But put yourself right in your place and be happy - I know there many things demanded of you but you are strong and have character enough to stand way above them. I often looked at you in wonderment to see how nobly you were filling your position I know of no one who could do better. Now don't worry about things you are only a beginner and must not expect to have and do things like an older person - Every housekeeper makes mistakes after years of experience - Return your calls as soon as you can and then do some studying practice and do a little fancy work and don't worry about your house and children. You must be happy and then everybody else will be. I wish you could persuade Mother to spend a while with you after Ira's wedding. It will do her good also yourself. Then I think if you could go in a week or two before Ira's wedding it would be nice and help arrange flowers and do certain little things about Ira's house which I think Ira and Cora would both appreciate. About the Glass to be bought I think one dozen of tumblers or goblets which ever seem to be most desirable - a pitcher - a fruit dish and one preserve dish or if not too expensive two preserve dishes. I thought then Grace and Mame could get the Ice cream set to match - what do you

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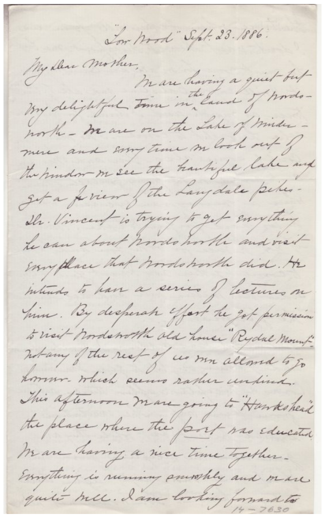
think about that - I will leave to your judgment. You can tell better when you see the glass and what the merchants says. If you will pay for these things or send the bill to Robert he will send a draft or taking from the money at C. Aultman & Co. Canton. I want same kind of set gotten for Robert when he is married.

Now my darling Child be happy don't depreciate yourself. but have more self esteem - Everybody loves you that knows you and I certainly do and I want you to be happy and helps you all I can.

Afternoon Wednesday at four o'clock.

George and I walked to Ambleside to the bank - Mr. V. went to Grasmere and now George is going down the Lake Windermere to meet his Mother and Anna. Everything has gone well to day and I am feeling well - Let me hear from you soon and often. With ever so much love to yourself and Mr. Edison also Marion - Jennie



"Low Wood" Sept. 23. 1886.

My dear Mother,

We are having a quiet but very delightful time in the land of Wordsworth - We are on the Lake of Windermere and every time we look out of the window we see the beautiful lake and get a fine view of the Langdale pikes - Dr. Vincent is trying to get everything he can about Wordsworth and visit every place that Wordsworth did. He intends to have a series of lectures on him. By desperate effort he got permission to visit Wordsworth old house "Rydal Mount" - not any of the rest of us were allowed to go however - which seems rather unkind. This afternoon we are going to "Hawkshead" the place where the poet was educated. We are having a nice time together - Everything is running smoothly and we are quite well. I am looking forward to

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[FM001AAR5], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, September 23rd, 1886

Title
[FM001AAR5], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, September 23rd, 1886

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Vincent, Elizabeth Dusenbury (Mrs John H.)
- Wordsworth, William
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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"Low Wood" Sept. 23. 1886.

My dear Mother,

We are having a quiet but very delightful time in the land of Wordsworth - We are on the Lake of Windermere and every time we look out of the window we see the beautiful lake and get a fine view of the Langdale pikes - Dr. Vincent is trying to get everything he can about Wordsworth and visit every place that Wordsworth did. He intends to have a series of lectures on him. By desperate effort he got permission to visit Wordsworth old house "Rydal Mount" - not any of the rest of us were allowed to go however - which seems rather unkind. This afternoon we are going to "Hawkshead" the place where the poet was educated. We are having a nice time together - Everything is running smoothly and we are quite well. I am looking forward to

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the time when Father will join us I don't want him to disappoint me but he must come for we all are counting on it. I will enjoy Palestine and all of the East twice as much and I think for his own sake he ought to come. I do wish you could come also. You and Mrs. Vincent could be company for each other when a journey or an excursion would be too hard for you to take. Would it not be nice for both you and father to come together now I want you to consider this matter well and decide in the affirmative.

Now about Ira's wedding. I think you and Father ought to give Ira and Cora a reception after their return from their trip. The invitation should be sent out while they are gone and the reception given the first or second night after their return home. You would not need very much for refreshments - a Bouillion or soup - Coffee - sandwiches possibly - Cake and different kind of ices - You would only need four or five waiters and I think the refreshments could be served in dining room and sitting room. I would have Kingsley to do it - and have the same head waiter you had for Mina by special request. It would not cost so much as Mina's supper for there would be nothing hot - but the coffee and Bouillion. I think you ought to have a reception - Robert and Edward can help get it up - It is due Ira I think - How I would like to be at home - but I can't now - so must try to be happy - I am so glad you are going to have Carrie again - Will Mrs Price help in the dining room or how have you arranged things.

You must tell me all about things. You can't write too much for I do love to get your letters. I don't understand just what bridge they tried to lay a R.R. track, on Cherry street or by the Camming mill or where? It must have been very exciting. I received my first mail from America yesterday - had a letter from you telling me about the prevention of laying the track &c. Had a letter from Mina and one from Mr. Marvin. They all did me good.

We have decided to go from here tomorrow (Friday) to Ulswater then Keswick Saturday - and on to Glascow Saturday evening and spend Sunday & Monday there and go to Edinburgh Tuesday and spend a week or ten days in Scotland so that a week from Sunday (Oct 3rd) we will spend in

Edinburg - and a week from then (Oct 1
we will be at Matlock Bath in England - we
are to spend a week there - we will not
stay long in London but get over onto
the continent as soon as we can after
George and Mr. Vincent have done a certain amount of writing.

I wonder how soon Ira is to be marri
I wish you would send me word - I wish
to telegraph on the day and as near the
hour as possible. - Maybe my next
letters will tell me. The telegram
I sent from Liverpool when we
landed cost a $1.35 - I thought
that quite reasonable. Mrs. Vincent
stands the trip wonderfully well. - I
suppose it is the excitement of seeing
the things she has read and studied
about for so many years. - Tell Ira
to write me before he is married and
give me full particulars. You ought
to go on and spend a month or so with

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Mina after Ira's wedding and reception for I think she needs some one with her and I know you are the one she wants and ought to have near her. Now Mother put yourself in her place and then think. I know you ought to go. and I wish you would.

I think of everyone of the dear ones I have left behind and sometimes think I was very selfish to come off as I did but it was done on the impulse of the moment. For some reason I felt I ought to go others I should have remained at home. When is Edward going away. I hope the dear boy will have all his hopes realized.

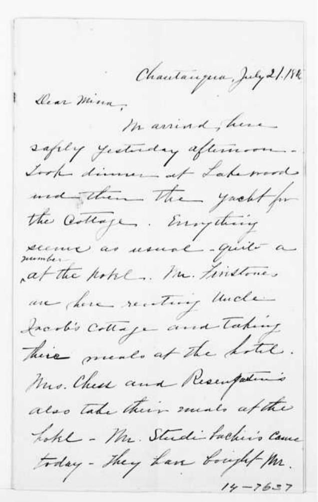
Tell Mary she must stand by you for I will be very much disappointed not to find her at home upon my return. She is my girl. I hope she is feeling quite well again. How is Carrie and Miss Price?

I hope the winter will be a pleasant one and that everything will run smoothly & happily.

Give my love to all - Remember me to Mr. Marvin I wrote him a long letter yesterday but don't know whether I will send it or not. I would like to see you all to-day—

Lovingly,

Jennie.



Chautauqua, July 21. 1886

Dear Mina,

We arrived here safely yesterday afternoon. Took dinner at Lakewood and then the yacht for the Cottage. Everything seems as usual - quite a number at the hotel. Mr. Firestones are here renting Uncle Jacob's Cottage and taking their meals at the hotel. Mrs. Chess and Rosenfaden's also take their meals at the hotel - Mr. Studebacker's came today - they have bought Mr.

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[FM001AAR], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 21st, 1886

Title
[FM001AAR], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 21st, 1886

Editor's Notes
14-7637. Arrived at Chautauqua yesterday; Firestones are here at Uncle Jacob's cottage; Dr. Vincent's been away, returns tomorrow; everyone asks if you and mother are coming; don't know what you intend; Thomas and the little (one) are well and enjoying themselves; their hair is cut short and they are "tanned as can be" and love the grapes and peaches; was kind of you and TAE to see us to the train; am ashamed at becoming vexed, but was surprised when TAE said we only had "a few moments to make the train"; your home is beautiful, and you and TAE made my visit so agreeable I regretted leaving; hope TAE returns early evenings to have pleasant drives and visits with you; tent and cottage here are ready; hope you won't defer your visit; Grace and Marion occupy the tent; "They have a nice company of boys and girls"; give love to TAE and tell him to write a few lines.

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Glenmont
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Jacob
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Grace A
- Firestone, Harvey Samuel
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Frank Curley's Cottage. Mr. Vincent has been away for a week or more returns here tomorrow to stay until Friday when he leaves for a week's trip South. Mrs. Vincent & George are very cordial George called upon us last evening. The Brown girls are still at home ~~yet~~ and are having a good time. Every one asks if you are coming also if Mother is coming I hardly know how to answer for I don't know really what

you intend to do.

Thomas and the little are perfectly well and enjoy every hour. They all have their hair cut close to their heads and are tanned as can be. They seemed very much pleased with the grapes & peaches.

How kind it was of you and Mr. Edison to go to the train with us. I really was ashamed of myself for getting so vexed but I was so surprised when Thomas said we had but a few moments to make the train. We are always so ready to excuse our selves and try to make some one else the cause of all difficulties. I blame myself for not knowing exactly about the train and watch. You did all that you could and you thought of course I knew all about everything which I should have done. As it was everything turned out well for us but how for you I don't know. Everytime I get vexed I am provoked with myself. I want to be more patient but seems to me I will never

reach that point. Everything at your home is so beautiful and you and Mr. Edison made it so agreeable that I regretted very much when the time came for me to pack my trunk. My dear, I enjoyed my visit very much and thank you and Mr. Edison for it. I have thought of you so often alone all day long. Hope Mr. Edison returns home early in the evening and you have pleasant drives and visits together. The cottage and tent are as usual

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and we will be ready to welcome any one of our people when they get ready to come. I hope you will not defer your visit any longer than is really necessary. Grace and Marion occupy the tent. They have a nice company of boys & girls. And I guess will have a good time.

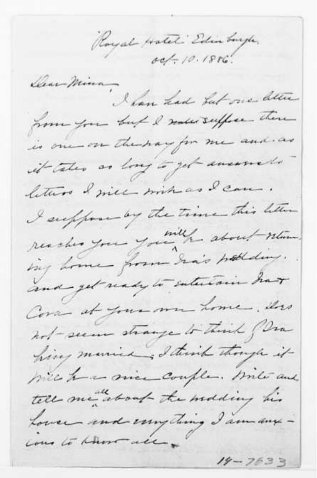
Give my love to Edison and tell him I think he might write a few lines when you write. I wish you would write often dear Mina

It seems lonely here without you girls —

Mrs. Vincent and Miss Harris (Bishop Harris daughter) called and have just left.

With ever so much love

Jennie.



"Royal Hotel" Edinburgh.
Oct. 10. 1886.

Dear Mina,

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[FM001AAS], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 10th, 1886

Title
[FM001AAS], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 10th, 1886

Editor's Notes
14-7633. From Royal Hotel, Edinburgh. Have had only one letter from you; suppose another is on the way; by the time you get this you'll be about to return home from Ira and Cora's wedding and preparing for their visit; can send letters in care of Rev. J.H. Vincent, Old Bailey, London; you won't think of going South if the earthquakes continue, will you?; had just one letter from Marvin, who calls on mother occasionally; are you going to send Marion to school or hire a teacher?; give my love to TAE and "tell him he must be very good to you"; you should invite Louise Igoe to visit you. [Includes itinerary and details of Jane's Scottish trip.]

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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We have had very delightful weather ever since we arrived in Edinburgh and today is perfect. Last Sunday we spent in Inverness and it was a very rainy Sunday just the opposite of today.

We left Inverness Monday morning for Aberdeen and saw that city Monday afternoon and went into Ballater that night. Tuesday morning we took the coach ride to Braemar and return. Passing by Prince of Wales place "Abergeldie" and the Queen's place Balmoral Castle. It was a beautiful drive and this time of year it was lovely for the hills were thickly wooded and the foliage was gorgeous in color. I don't wonder the Queen likes it there for the surroundings are lovely compared to Windsor.

Of course we could not visit either place as they were occupied by the Prince and Queen. We could not drive to Dunkeld as the coaches had stopped running. I have enjoyed my trip so far very much. Mr. Vincent came to Edinburgh from Glasgow while we travelled through the northern part of Scotland. George left us yesterday to meet Mr. Ackerman who has come just for the sea voyage. George met him today in Liverpool at the ship.

We leave here tomorrow for Melrose and go on to Durham that night York Tuesday and Lincoln Wednesday. Thursday I think we go to Matlock Bath see Chatsworth and &c – just what we are to do from there I don't know. We are not going to stop but a day at Matlock Mr. has had so long here he does not need to stop again until we get to London to stay anytime. We hope to reach there by Saturday. I think we will take Lodgings if possible. He says he must get into ~~for~~ a cheaper place than we have been having. Sometimes we have travelled second and sometimes first class. This Hotel is rather expensive they all think. You know we stopped here together but I don't remember that we thought it was unusual. We have stopped at the same Hotels so far that we did except at Oban and Glasgow. We went to a better one I think at Oban but I forget the name until I saw it ~~as [illegible]~~ we passed.

I think hereafter you may send my letters in care of Rev. J. H. Vincent 56 Old Bailey. London W.C. now that I am going onto the Continent it seems better to have our letters all come together.

I hope you will write to me often. You will not think of going South if the Earthquakes continue to be so bad will you? I hope not.

I ~~have~~ had one letter from Mr. Marvin. Mother wrote me that he seems very quiet and calls upon her occasionally.

How are you getting along with your housekeeping. Have you a dining room girl yet. Mrs. Vincent told me that for those water bugs it was good to have borax and very fine pulverized sugar mixed and little dishes of it stand or sprinkle it around the places where they seem to be and you will ~~soon~~ drive them away.

I hope you have a good girl and that everything is happy for you. What have you decided to with Marion send her to school or have a teacher?

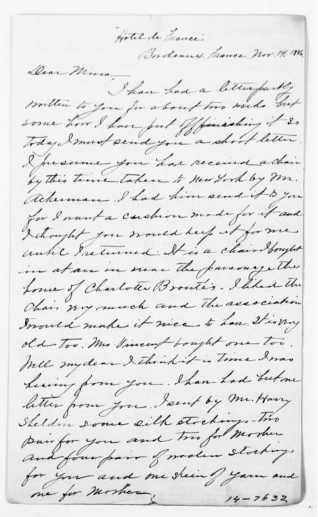
You see I still want to know everything. I think of you so often and wish I might run in and see you all in your beautiful home. You must give my love to Mr. Edison and tell him he must be very good to you. Be happy my dear Child I certainly want you and yours to be perfectly happy - For I do love you.

It would be nice to ask Louise Igoe to visit you if you have not already done so so that she could do some of her shopping in New York. I suppose though you have asked her.

Let me hear from you often. Tell Louise and Cora both to write to me.

Love to all

Affectionately,
Jennie.



"Hotel de France"
Bordeaux, France Nov. 14. 1886.

Dear Mina,

I have had a letter partly written to you for about two weeks but some how I have put off finishing it so today I must send you a short letter. I presume you have received a chair by this time taken to New York by Mr. Ackerman. I had him send it to you for I want a cushion made for it and I thought you would keep it for me until I returned. It is a chair I bought in at an inn near the parsonage the home of Charlotte Bronte's. I liked the chair very much and the association would make it nice to have. It is very old too. Mrs Vincent bought one too. Well my dear I think it is time I was hearing from you. I have had but one letter from you. I sent by Mr. Harry Sheldon some silk stockings - two pair for you and two for Mother and four pair of woolen stockings for you and one skein of yarn and one for Mother,

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Title
[FM001AAT], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 14th, 1886

Editor's Notes
14-7632. [From Bordeaux, France]; you should have received a chair taken to NY by Mr. Ackerman; bought it near the home of Charlotte Bronte; Mrs. Vincent bought one too; sending you and mother silk stockings and other sundries; if you want a dress, I will order one from Madame Joyeuse; you ought to come over to Paris next spring and go shopping with me; TAE can spare you for six weeks or so and you'll need a change of scene; mother says you're getting thin; I suppose you had a good time at home; will you stay awhile at Xmas; we're going to Spain for about four weeks; left the Vincents in Paris and will join them again in Nice; [gives itinerary for Spain]; we might have trouble as we know no Spanish and very little French; you ought study French; this winter why don't you come with Father and go to Egypt with us; may be unkind to ask you to leave TAE but you would have a good time; Anna Upson sails to NY Saturday and intends to visit you; [Includes other news on family and friends]

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Vincent, Elizabeth Dusenbury (Mrs John H.)
- Bronte, Charlotte
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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"Hotel de France"
Bordeaux, France Nov. 14. 1886.

Dear Minna,

I have had a letter partly written to you for about two weeks but some how I have put off finishing it so today I must send you a short letter. I presume you have received a chair by this time taken to New York by Mr. Ackerman. I had him send it to you for I want a cushion made for it and I thought you would keep it for me until I returned. It is a chair I bought in at an inn near the parsonage the home of Charlotte Bronte's. I liked the chair very much and the association I would make it nice to have. It is very old too. Mrs Vincent bought one too. Well my dear I think it is time I was hearing from you. I have had but one letter from you. I sent by Mr. Harry Sheldon some silk stockings two pair for you and two for Mother and four pair of woolen stockings for you and one skein of yarn and one for Mother.

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By Anna Upson I sent you a Calander for next year & Neckties a piece for Thomas & William - You might ask Anna when you see her to let you take yours out of the package. I would liked to have sent you a dress & wrap but I feared you would have your wrap and then I did not like to ask to carry them for me. They are wearing a great deal of plush this winter in the way of wraps and with dresses made of cloth & plush and silk & plush. Now if you say I shall order you a dress I will do so from Madame Joyeuse but you will have to pay duty or shall I wait until I come. I think you might come over next Spring and spend about six weeks when I will be getting ready to return home and get yourself some things we can shop together - You will only need to be gone six weeks if you wish and in that time you could get your-

self nicely fitted up and besides being with me - I think Mr. Edison can spare you long enough for that. I wish you would think about it. There are so many pretty things which I would like you to have and now you need them for when you get older you will not care for them as you do now. Mother says you are getting so thin I think by next Spring the last of May you will need a complete change and I wish you would come and be with me in Paris. I suppose you had a good time at home. Will you go on Xmas to stay awhile!

We are bound for Spain and will be in that country about four weeks We left Mr. & Mrs. Vincent in Paris and will join them again in about four weeks in Nice. We are going to visit the principal places in Spain - Madrid, Seville. Toledo - Granada, Cadiz. Malaga, Gibralter, Tangier, & Algier - then Marseilles Nice and then Italy.

I suppose some day you will be taking the same trip. I judge we will have a hard time getting along for we know no Spanish and very little French. You must study French if you have the time. What are you going to do this Winter. Why couldn't you come with Father and go to Egypt with us. I think he will only be gone about ten weeks? It may be ~~no~~ unkind of me to ask you to leave Your husband but I do want you to go and I am sure you would enjoy it. and particularly as ~~if~~ Father is with us. Do you think Mamie will come?

I had a nice letter from Louise the other day - and also one from Cora. Mr. Marvin wrote me that he guessed I had been pretty thoroughly discussed since coming to Europe and particularly after Ira's wedding was to come off so soon. Some one asked if I did not approve of it. It makes me feel good to be talked about in that manner. Did you hear any thing when you were at home? Anna Upson sails for New York next Saturday.

She intends to go and see you. I saw her the day before we left Paris which was last Thursday. We leave here Tuesday morning go to San Sebastian spend a day and then go on to Madrid arriving there Thursday morning stay there until the next Monday Nov. 22. Go to Toledo spend a day or two. Then Seville - Granada - Malaga - Cadiz - Gibraltar Tangier - and Algiers. We expect to be in Spain about four weeks. Two weeks from today we expect to be in Seville Nov. 28. and a week from in Granada Dec. 5. The eighth of Dec. we sail from Malaga for Tangiers. 9 or 10 we sail from Tangiers for Algiers stopping at Malaga & Oran. We expect to be in Nice four or five days before Xmas.

Let me hear from you soon. Anna sends her love to you. Love from me to all your family.

Lovingly -

Jennie.

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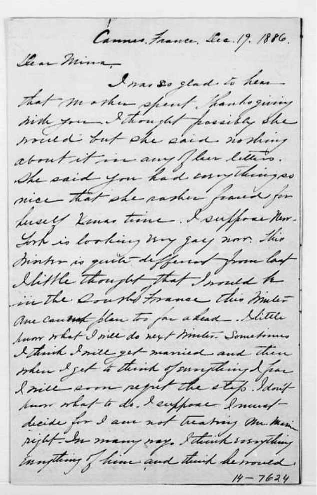

Cannes. France. Dec. 19. 1886.

Dear Mina,

I was so glad to hear that Mother spent Thanksgiving with you. I thought possibly she would but she said nothing about it in any of her letters. She said you had everything so nice that she rather feared for herself Xmas time. I suppose New York is looking very gay now. This winter is quite different from last. I little thought that I would be in the South of France this winter. One cannot plan too far ahead. I little know what I will do next winter. Sometimes I think I will get married and then when I get to think of everything I fear I will soon regret the step. I don't know what to do. I suppose I must decide for I am not treating Mr. Marvin right. In many ways I think everything everything of him and think he would

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Title

[FM001AAU], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 19th, 1886

Editor's Notes

14-7624. [From Cannes, France] Glad mother spent Thanksgiving with you; she said everything was nice; didn't think I would be in the south of France this winter; don't know what I will do next winter; maybe I should marry Mr. Marvin; have to decide because I'm not treating him right and think everything of him; he would make a devoted husband but in little ways doesn't suit me; wish he was in business for himself; fear he won't be able make me happy by providing kind of home I want; maybe I should stay single till I can marry only for love; wondered why I got no letter from you, but you were busy entertaining Ira & Cora and getting ready for winter; Robert's disappointed you won't be in Florida so he can visit you there; suppose you will go to his wedding; have enjoyed traveling with the Vincents, but Spain was the best part of the trip; Egypt should be pleasant because Father is joining us; a lot of disagreeable talk when the Vincents are with us; go to meet them at Nice tomorrow; we will head to Italy [gives itinerary]; glad everything is well with your housekeeping; will bring home some dresses for you.

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Vincent, Elizabeth Dusenbury (Mrs John H.)
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Vincent, George Edgar
- Miller, Alice Newton (Mrs Jacob)

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Mr. Marvin says he has told me all about his business and just how he stands but I don't think he has for I don't know. Perhaps I ought to take a man regardless of his situation &c. if I loved him but because I can't do it without these thoughts coming up it makes hesitate about

deciding and for that reason I think I ought to stay single until I can marry only for love.

I did begin to wonder why I received no letter from you but of course I knew you were busy entertaining Ira & Cora and getting ready for winter. So long as you love me and think of me I will be content although I do enjoy getting letters from you. You were very good to tell me all you did when Ira was there what a good time you must have had.

I suppose now you are all busy about Xmas. I wonder if you are at home now I imagine if not you soon will be going. Robt is a little disappointed that you will not be in Florida for him to visit you there. I suppose you will go on to his wedding. You may get the same for Robert's present from me as you did for Ira. unless some one else intends getting that. I don't know just what you got for Ira but I suppose you got what I asked for you did not tell me the cost. If you get them at the same place they make a little discount What are you going to give? I wish Robert had waited until I returned home but it seems they can not change I enjoy travelling with the Vincents very well although I must say I enjoyed the trip in Spain better than any part of our trip so far - I have felt happier. We have had such a good time and Spain is so different from anything I have ever seen. - I suppose Egypt will be pleasant too and then Father will be there too. Dr. has so much work on hand and then he does not care for sight-seeing and

Mrs. Vincent is not well and she wants to wait always to go out afternoons so Dr. can go and there is so much talk which is not agreeable. In Spain we had nothing of the kind - We all went together and were ready to rest or go - which was delightful. We have gotten along beautifully. George has been very kind and thoughtful. Several times I have not been well and he was very nice. Anna too is very kind and I am fond of her. We have been separated from Dr. & Mrs. Vincent over five weeks. We meet them tomorrow evening at Nice and spend several days and go on to Mentone for Xmas - then to Genoa in Italy - We may spend New Years in Milan but I hope we will reach Venice by that time. We then spend a week there and go on to Florence where we will be or three weeks and then to Rome. We go to Egypt about the last week in February. We hope to visit Southern Italy as well.

I hope Robert and Louise will have a pleasant home and be happy. Robert has been so quiet in all his plans. I wish I could help him more but I suppose Aunt Alice will look after his house while he is on his trip. I hope Father will help him get his house and furnish it for him.

I am glad you are getting along so nicely in your housekeeping. I intend to bring home several dresses you know you are entitled to another handsome dress as I took some of the money that was intended for You to pay for ~~any~~ of my dresses I got at [illegible]

I thought I would get either a black silk or dinner dress for You. Now I will want your exact measures and then have Miss Richmond make a good model so that they will have an idea of your shape. perhaps you can send me of your dress waists. Madame Joyeuse has your measures but you are thinner now I will try to get all you want I do not care for the things Mrs Rennick brought as I expected You girls to take them as I could get more.

Give my love to Mr. ~~Rennick~~ Edison, Marion, and the little boys.

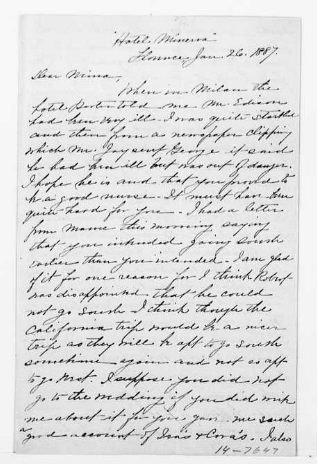
Affectionately,
Jennie.

C/o Drexel Harjes & Co.
Bankers, Paris,
France.

14-7624

Yes I sent a chair home by Mr. Ackerman and asked him to send it to you to take care of for me. I got it at Haworth.

The young gentlemen I met in London from Orange were the Colgate's the young man called upon George.



"Hotel Minerva"
Florence, Jan. 26. 1887.

Dear Mina,

When in Milan the hotel porter told me Mr. Edison had been very ill. I was quite startled and then from a newspaper clipping which Mr. Jay sent George it said he had been ill but was out of danger. I hope he is and that you proved to be a good nurse. It must have been quite hard for you. I had a letter from Mame this morning saying that you intended going South earlier than you intended. I am glad of it for one reason for I think Robert was disappointed that he could not go South I think though the California trip would be a nicer trip as they will be apt to go South sometime again and not so apt to go West. I suppose you did not go to the wedding if you did write me about it for you gave me such a good account of Ina's & Cora's. I also

14-7647

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[FM001AAV], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 26th, 1887

Title
[FM001AAV], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 26th, 1887

Editor's Notes
14-7647. [From Florence] Hotel porter in Milan told me TAE was ill; Mr. Jay sent newspaper clipping to George said TAE was ill but out of danger; hope he is and that you proved a good nurse; glad you plan to go south sooner than you had intended; suppose you did not go to Robert's wedding; write me about what you got and gave for Xmas; must have been hard with TAE so ill. Anna S[tudebaker]. has been very ill for the past month. Mrs. Vincent seemed anxious to go on, so Jane insisted upon her going with George to Geneva, Milan & Venice while Jane remains with Anna and a nurse. Dr. Vincent left two weeks earlier to fill some engagements. He is now in England and will join them in Rome about Feb. 4.. Is glad Mame is going south with you; did Bishop Foster visit you; I told Dr. Vincent you had invited Foster; Vincent was pleased because he thought you would no longer be a Methodist; hope you have joined a church in Orange; Is TAE taking you to Havana; what did he get you for Xmas?

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Foster, Randolph Sinks
- Vincent, Elizabeth Dusenbury (Mrs John H.)
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Vincent, George Edgar
- Studebaker, Anne, (Mrs Charles Carlisle)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- TAE health
- Travel

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Florence, Jan. 26. 1887.

Dear Mina,

When in Milan the hotel porter told me Mr. Edison had been very ill - I was quite startled and then from a newspaper clipping which Mr. Gay sent George it said he had been ill but was out of danger. I hope he is and that you proved to be a good nurse - It must have been quite hard for you - I had a letter from Mamma this morning saying that you intended going South earlier than you intended - I am glad of it for one reason for I think Robert was disappointed that he could not go South I think though the California trip would be a nicer trip as they will be apt to go South sometime again and not so apt to go West. I suppose you did not go to the wedding if you did write me about it for you gave me such a good account of Jani's & Cora's. I also wish you would write me about Christmas what you got and what you gave &c. I am worried about you for I think it must have been very hard to have Mr. E. so ill. I am glad the children were at home. I guess they must have had a good time for mother wrote me once that they all had been out sliding and when they came in they teased her so that she was obliged to stop writing. I am enjoying Florence so much. We had such a good time in Venice. I suppose you have heard of Anna S. illness? She was very ill for two weeks and then two weeks or almost getting in a condition to leave Mentone. Mrs. Vincent seemed anxious to join so I insisted upon Geo her going with George to Genoa, Milan, & Venice and I remain in Mentone with a nurse with Anna. He. left about two weeks before to fill some engagements he is now in England and joins

us in Rome next week about Jan. Feb. 4. Anna and I went to Genoa and then Milan from there to Venice where we met the Vincents a week ago tonight. We stayed there until Monday noon when we came on here. We have had beautiful weather all this week. Tuesday and Wednesday morning Mrs. V. & I went to the Ufizzi picture gallery. Anna is hardly strong enough to do much sight-seeing. George was obliged to do writing or work. Tuesday afternoon Jan 25. We all took a drive about the city. While all at home were getting ready for Roberts wedding. How strange it seems that to have Ira and Robert both married. It will seem queerer to me when I get home for they both will be quite settled by that time. Venice seemed quite natural to me – Florence that is only parts seem familiar as we stay things come back to me. Read Romola by George Elliot if you have not already done so for it gives me a good idea of the places in the city. We try every time we go out for a drive to find the places mentioned.

Wednesday afternoon we went to St Lorenzo church. The Medici chapel - St Marco and the Monastery where Savonarola was monk &c. We also went to the church of the Annunciatti. This morning Mrs. V. and I went to the Pitti picture gallery. This afternoon we all went to Fiesole a village not far distant out in the mountains. We had a fine view of Florence. My dear I hope you will come to Europe in a year or two and visit all these places yourself. I am glad Mamie is going with you South for she seems so bright and happy. I wonder how she is getting along with her studies. She does not tell me. Have you returned your calls? Did Bishop Foster stop with you - I told Dr. Vincent that you had invited him to stop with you and he

seemed very much pleased for he feared you would not attend or be a Methodist any longer. I hope my dear you have joined the church ~~and~~ are beginning to feel at home in Orange until you do that ~~you~~ and connect yourself with the people you will not feel settled. It was the Colgate boys whom I met in London - perhaps I have told you before.

If Robert and Louise go South you will have a good time I am sure. Do you intend going to Havanah I hope so if I were you I would get Mr. Edison to take me. What did he give you for Xmas!

Write to me soon my dear child I think of you so much - I love you dearly and am ready to anything in my power for you. Everybody loves you and admires your character. Which of course pleases me.

Give my love to Mr. Edison, Marion and the little boys.

Lovingly,

Jennie

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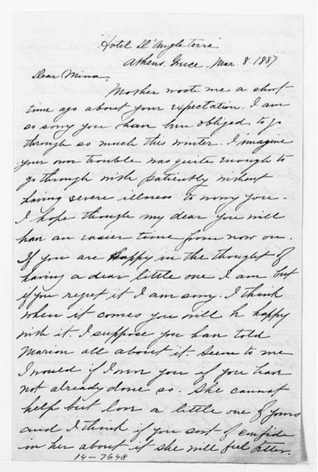
[FM001AAW], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 8th, 1887



"Hotel d'Angleterre"
Athens. Greece - Mar 8 1887

Dear Mina,

Mother wrote me a short time ago about your expectation. I am so sorry you have been obliged to go through so much this winter. I imagine your own trouble was quite enough to go through with patiently without having severe illness to worry you. I hope though my dear you will have an easier time from now on. If you are happy in the thought of having a dear little one I am but if you regret it I am sorry. I think when it comes you will be happy with it. I suppose you have told Marion all about it. Seems to me I would if I were you if you have not already done so. She cannot help but love a little one of yours and I think if you sort of confide in her about it she will feel better.

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Title

[FM001AAW], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 8th, 1887

Editor's Notes

14-7648. [From Athens Greece] Mother wrote that you are expecting a baby; sorry to hear you've had to go through so much this winter; if you're happy about it [pregnancy], I'm happy, but if you regret it, I'm sorry; once the baby comes you will be happy; you should confide in Marion; would make her feel better; she won't be able to help loving the baby; "Mother said you were afraid Marion will not love it"; we will sail from Liverpool 18 June and land the following week; thought to spend time with you before going home; [asks what clothes, Mina would like from Europe]; would TAE like me to get you a seal skin coat; only had two letters from you since we left NY; write me; [gives itinerary of trip from Italy-Greece-Alexandria]; disappointed father did not come; TAE's illness, your pregnancy, and father's illness made me want to give up the trip and come home; father telegraphed that I should complete the trip; sorry you couldn't go to Robert's wedding; you must have had a good time when he visited your southern house. Anna's mother came over for her and they return home in April. Anna is not well enough to travel. [The reference is to Ann Milburn (Mrs. Clement Studebaker) and her daughter Anna (or Anne). They left them in Rome. [includes other family gossip]

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Seminole Lodge and Fort Myers
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Studebaker, Anne, (Mrs Charles Carlisle)
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Studebaker, Ann Milburn (Mrs Clement)

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- Health and medicine

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"Hotel d'Angleterre"
Athens. Greece - Mar. 8 1887

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no doubt you have done so all ready. I will try to do a little shopping in Paris for it. Is there anything in particular that you want for it. I thought for my present to it I would try and get a crib like Mrs. Giffords would you prefer all white or blue. Will it not seem strange to have a little one again in our family but that is what we must expect now so many are married. I hope you are happy and cheerful over it. You must go about and be happy for it will tell on your child if you don't. There is no need to regret anything for it is the common thing. Mother said you were afraid Marion would not love it but I am sure she will. I hope I will get home before the eventful time. We expect to sail from Liverpool the 18. of June and I presume will land on the following Saturday. I thought I would spend a day or two with you before going home. I thought I would get for you a pretty summer dress - a house dress or matinee-jacket - and a dress you could wear anytime of the year for a handsome dinner dress. Now if you would like anything different tell me. Also ask Mr. Edison if he would like me to get a seal skin coat for you. From the way he spoke last fall I thought he wanted you to have one. Now don't fail to ask him for I know he would be willing to get you anything you want. I think you can do better here in the way of styles.

It may seem a long time a head but it takes so long to get answers to letters. I wish you would write to me. I have had but two letters from you since I left New York. it hardly seems right. Why haven't you written? Don't you want to confide in me or tell me how you are getting along. I am sure I want you to feel that you can write me anything. Often times when one feels a little blue or a little worried if they can tell one person they soon feel better. Now write me and tell alittle of your plans and expectations. I want to do anything I can for you so don't hesitate to ask me. I wish you would send your measures but I am afraid you will be somewhat changed. I think I will have Madame Joyeuse just cut the waist and arrange the trimmings as they

ought to go and then you can have it finished, at home I think that will be the surest way. Miss Richmond might send me your last measurements though as it would be sort of a guide. We left Naples last Friday evening went to Brindisi by train and then by boat to Corinth and from there by train to Athens. Yesterday we spent visited the Acropolis. ruined temples. Mars hill &c. Everything in Athens is of white stone and seems so new. They have severe winds here and it is dreadfully dusty. Today we take or make an excursion I don't know just where. We stay here until Saturday noon when we take the boat for Alexandria. I was greatly disappointed that father failed to come I felt like giving up the trip too. And when I heard of your condition Mrs. Edison's illness and father not well I felt I ought return home at once and telegraphed saying so. I had about made up mind to go but I thought perhaps it would be better to find out just how things were at home. Father telegraphed back I should complete my trip.

I am sorry you could not attend Robert's wedding. I suppose though You had a good time with them at your home in the South. How is Mame -- I suppose she is Happy with you. Mrs. Studebaker said she looked lovely at the wedding. I am much obliged to you for getting the glass for me (Mrs. S. said that the dishes and glass were both beautiful. You know I suppose Anna's Mother was obliged to come over for her and they return home in April - Anna is not well enough to travel: It was a great disappointment all around. I miss her very much. We left them in Rome.

I will be glad to get home again and see you all. I wonder if you will be glad to see me! Four months or nearly so.

Now write me soon. Tell Mame to write.

Love to all -

Jennie.

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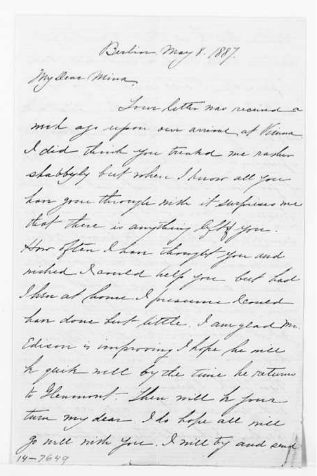

Berlin May 8. 1887.

My Dear Mina,

Your letter was received a
week ago upon our arrival at Vienna
I did think you treated me rather
shabbyly but when I knew all you
have gone through with it surprises me
that there is anything left of you.
How often I have thought of you and
wished I could help you but had
I been at home I presume I could
have done but little. I am glad Mr.
Edison is improving I hope he will
be quite well by the time he returns
to Glenmont. Then will be your
turn my dear I do hope all will
go well with you. I will try and send

14-7649

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[FM001AAX], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 8th, 1887

Title

[FM001AAX], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 8th, 1887

Editor's Notes

14-7649. [Written from Berlin] Got your letter a week ago when we arrived in Vienna; thought you "treated me rather shabbily" till I remembered all you have gone through; glad TAE is improving; hope he will be well by the time he returns to Glenmont; want to get you a crib, a suit, and a cloak; thought of stopping a day or two with you after landing in NYC; I suppose mother will be with you; presume you and TAE "are making great plans for the little one and are very happy at its coming"; don't spoil the baby; will sail on 18 June; [includes extended itinerary of European trip]

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Goodrich, David Marvin
- Vincent, Elizabeth Dusenbury (Mrs John H.)
- Hall, Margaret
- Goodrich, Mary Elizabeth Marvin (Mrs B.F.)
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Miller, Grace A
- Vincent, George Edgar
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- Travel

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Berlin May 8. 1887.

My Dear Mina,

Your letter was received a week ago upon our arrival at Vienna. I did think you treated me rather shabbyly but when I know all you have gone through with it surprises me that there is anything left of you. How often I have thought you and wished I could help you but had I been at home I presume I could have done but little. I am glad Mr. Edison is improving I hope he will be quite well by the time he returns to Glenmont. Then will be your turn my dear I do hope all will go well with you. I will try and send

14-7649

You a box from Paris. I want to get you a little crib a suit and cloak if possible. I will send it by express as I think that will be the quickest and safest way. Now if there is anything special to get tell me and I will try to get it for you. I don't just what to do about dresses for you for I fear you will be somewhat altered. We haven't gotten our mail this week and perhaps there is something in it that will give me some light on shopping we will get it tomorrow. I thought of stopping a day or two with you on my landing in New York. I presume Mother will be with you and then I will see you together. I thought then if there was

anything I could do I would gladly do anything to help you. I presume you and Mr. Edison are making great plans for the little one and are very happy at the thought of its coming. You must not spoil it. I hope you have not had a very hard time sister.

Well we are almost through the trip and although we have had a good time I will be glad to be home again. I think we are quite as good friends as we were when we left home. The Vincents have all been very kind to me and George has been very nice indeed. I like him just as well as ever. Harry Sheldon is engaged to Miss Carrie Alger! did you ever meet her? Mrs. Sheldon feels badly to have her boy engaged as soon after he leave college.

I suppose you know Anna Upson is engaged to Mr. Feiberger. Mrs. Goodrich told me that. I saw Mrs. G. Margaret Hall. and Ada in Vienna, and we went about some together. We hope to meet them in ~~Munich~~ again. Then George and his Mother go into Switzerland and Belgium - down the Rhine &c. I will go with Mrs. G. for a day or two to Karlsbad and then to Paris. I will join the Vincents again in London about the 5 or 6. of June. We sail for home the 18. of June on the Aurania. Same ship we came over on. He is now in England and then goes to Dresden. We will not see him again until we get back to London. I will try to go shopping with some people we met in the East so that I will not be quite alone.

We spent three or four days in Vienna. one day in Prague and three days in Dresden and came here last evening stay until Thursday morning and then go to Leipsic from there to Munich arriving there Friday about ten o'clock. We will stay there three days then separate for two weeks. George is a pretty good manager in travelling and it will seem rather hard to depend upon myself again. I wish George would fancy Grace and she him but I fear he won't. I don't think he cares for any girl specially. I think he likes Alice Joy but she is not much older than Grace. He told me he wished Alice could come to Chautauqua and wished we would invite her. He thought we would all like her and he thought Grace would. If I could manage it I don't know but what I would invite her what do you think about it.

14-7649

Do you take The Youth!

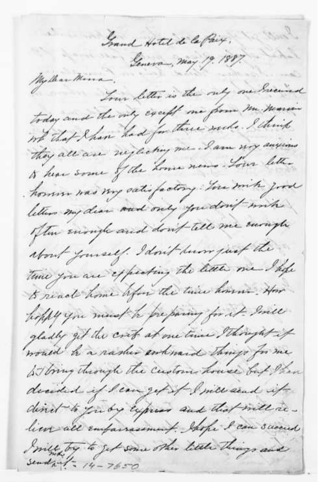
We go to Potsdam tomorrow the summer residence of the Imperial family. It is a very beautiful place and I presume at now it will be lovely as everything is in blossom and the foliage is all so fresh and Green.

We went to a flower show Yesterday morning in Dresden and they had a fine display of Azalia's. Rhododendrons. Orchids and Roses. also hyacinths - The Roses do not come up to yours however. I presume they will be beautiful when I get there.

I wish you write to me often my dear but we will soon meet and then we can have a good visit face to face.

With love to all.

Lovingly,
Jennie.



Grand Hotel de la Paix.
Geneva, May 19. 1887.

My dear Mina,

Your letter is the only one I received today and the only except one from Mr. Marvin that I have had for three weeks. I think they all are neglecting me. I am very anxious to hear some of the home news. Your letter however was very satisfactory. You write good letters my dear and only you don't write often enough and don't tell me enough about yourself. I don't know just the time you are expecting the little one I hope to reach home before the time however. How happy you must be preparing for it. I will gladly get the crib at one time I thought it would be a rather awkward things for me to bring through the custom house but I have decided if I can get it I will send it direct to you by express and that will relieve all embarrassment. I hope I can succeed I will try to get some other little things and send with it. 14-7650

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[FM001AAY], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 19th, 1887

Title

[FM001AAY], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 19th, 1887

Editor's Notes

14-7650. [From Geneva] Yours is the only letter I received to day, the only one for three weeks except one from Marvin; I don't know when you expect the baby, but I hope I am home in time; if I can get the crib, I'll send it direct by express; will get you seal skin in latest style and a pretty fall wrap [see FM001AAW]; you must get Parker to come to Europe in a year or two and you, Mamie, and TAE come with him; glad Father and TAE are getting better; was nice that Mrs. Edison had your house cleaned; must have been a relief in your condition; hope the "little one" will bring you much joy. [Includes European trip info and itinerary].

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Goodrich, David Marvin
- Vincent, Elizabeth Dusenbury (Mrs John H.)
- Hall, Margaret
- Goodrich, Mary Elizabeth Marvin (Mrs B.F.)
- Miller, Lewis
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Vincent, George Edgar
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Grand Hotel de la Paix.
Geneva, May 19. 1887.

My dear Minna,

Your letter is the only one I received today and the only except one from Mr. Marvin that I have had for three weeks. I think they all are neglecting me. I am very anxious to hear some of the home news. Your letter however was very satisfactory. You write good letters my dear only you don't write often enough and don't tell me enough about yourself. I don't know just the time you are expecting the little one. I hope to reach home before the time however. How happy you must be preparing for it. I will gladly get the crib at one time I thought it would be a rather awkward thing for me to bring through the custom house but I have decided if I can get it I will send it direct to you by express and that will relieve all embarrassment. I hope I can succeed. I will try to get some other little things and send them it.

14-7650

I will get you a seal skin whatever is the latest style also a pretty fall wrap if I can. I rather dread being in Paris alone but I hope to meet some people whom we met in Palestine and they told me I could go about with them. I will be there two weeks then meet Dr. Vincent's people about the 5 of June.

We have had rather a rainy time for the past ten days we hope however tomorrow will be brighter as it seemed clear this afternoon.

Mrs. Goodrich, Margaret Hall and Wade Goodrich were with us at Munich we had a good time together We left them there and went to Zurich stayed there Monday night Tuesday went to Lucerne Wednesday went up the Rigi in the rain and in the afternoon returned to Lucerne and took the train for Berne Everything was shut up in Berne being a ~~feast~~ fete day but we

drove about the town saw the four bears which they always keep at the expense of the city. The bear is emblem of the city. Every thing has a bear upon it. From Berne we came to Geneva. arrived here about four o'clock. Took a drive visiting Calvin's grave. We have had dinner and George got disgusted with table d'hote does not feel very well and went out for a walk.

We go up the Chamouni tomorrow in the diligence and return Saturday. Sunday night I take the train for Paris and on Monday George and his Mother go to Vevey and work their way ~~on~~ up the Rhine Brussels ~~etc~~. I hope to meet them two weeks from Saturday but am not sure it will depend upon my shopping.

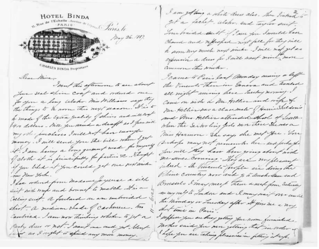
Dr. V. I suppose is on his way to Norway. We have had a nice trip but I don't doubt but what you will come some day and have a much nicer one. You must get Parker come in a year or two and you Mame and Mr. Edison come with him ~~It~~

would be very fine indeed. I will take care of your baby for you if you will let me.

I am so glad Father and Mr. Edison are getting better I felt very much worried about both of them. It was very nice that Mrs. Edison had your house all cleaned. It must be quite a relief to you in the condition you are. I I hope everything will be well with you and that the little one will give you all much joy.

Write me again -

Lovingly -
Jennie.



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[FM001AAZ], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 26th, 1887

Title

[FM001AAZ], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 26th, 1887

Editor's Notes

11-6125. [Letterhead: Hotel Binda, Paris] Ordered you a $400 seal skin coat; send a draught to cover the coast; will send you a bill [a good deal on Paris clothing purchases]; you should have two beds in the same room, one for you and one for TAE; it's a good time to do it since you will be ill [apparent reference to Mina's pregnancy].

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Vincent, Elizabeth Dusenbury (Mrs John H.)
- Vincent, George Edgar
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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1887-05-26

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- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)

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HOTEL BINDA
11, Rue de l'Echelle (Avenue de l'Opéra)
PARIS
CHARLES BINDA Propriétaire

Paris, le May 26. 1887.

Dear Mina,

I went this afternoon to see about your seal skin coat and ordered one for you a long ulster. Miss Williams says they are the things to be worn this next season. It is to be made of the extra quality of skins and will cost $400 dollars - Will you send a draft as I fear with my other purchases I will not have enough money. I will send you the bill when I get it. I am having a long garment made for myself of cloth it is principally for parties &c. I thought if you liked it you could get one next winter in New York.

I have ordered from Madame Joyeuse a silk suit with wrap and bonnet to match. It is a calling suit. A foulard or an embroidered skirt. A medium shade of cashmere. Two cambrics. I am now thinking whether to get a party dress or not. I want one and yet don't know as I ought to spend any more money.

11-6125

I am getting a white dress also. Then I intend to get a jacket, ulster, and taylor suit. Your braided suit if I were you I would have cleaned and repressed next fall for they will be worn very much next winter. I will not get so expensive a dress for I will want mine for more common this winter.

I came to Paris last Monday evening & left the Vincents there in Geneva and traveled all night arriving here Tuesday morning. I came on with a Mr. Hellier and wife. Mr. Hellier was a class mate of Harrie Sheldon's and Mrs. Hellier attended school at Lasell when the Seiberling girls were there. She was a Miss Harmon. She says she met you. You perhaps may not remember her and perhaps you will. They have been going about with me since coming. They are very pleasant indeed. The Vincents people are doing the Rhine country now and go to Amsterdam and Brussels. I may meet them a week from Saturday on my way to London and I may wait over until the Monday or Tuesday after. It gives me a very short time in Paris.

I suppose you are busy getting your room furnished. Mother said you were getting that in order & I hope you are taking pleasure in fitting it up.

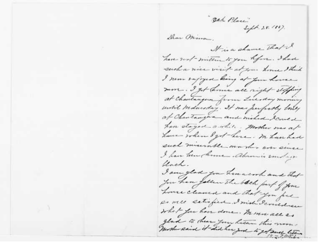
If I were you my dear I would have two beds one for you and one for Mr. Edison. In the same room. I think it would be so much better for you and now that you will be ill. It will be a good time to start. I suppose though you have your own idea's on the subject it may be only a fancy with me and I only make it as a suggestion. I will tell you when I see you. I am getting several suits of underclothes. Very plain ones however. As the rest of mine are pretty good I will have some to last a while.

It is quite cold and dull in Paris not at all like Spring and everybody is dressed in wraps I thought we would go without wraps when I got here.

I will let you know the exact cost of your coat and send you the bill if that is all right I hope you will be pleased with it.

With ever so much love —

Jennie Miller.



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[FM001ABA], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 28th, 1887

Title
[FM001ABA], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 28th, 1887

Editor's Notes
14-7651. [Jennie is back at Oak Place after her European travels.] Had such a nice visit at your home; got home all right after stopping at Chautauqua; Mother was at home when I arrived; glad you have a cook and have got the back of your house cleaned; Mother and I were glad to get your letter today; Saturday was the Miller reunion at Cottage Grove; Father, mother, Edward, Lewis, John, and I attended; "I am sorry I could not have seen Mr. Edison before learning." How long did Mrs. Taft stay? [Includes much Miller family news of inconsequential import]

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Lewis Alexander

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"Oak Place"
Sept. 28. 1887.

Dear Mina,

It is a shame that I have not written to you before. I had such a nice visit at your home I think I never enjoyed being at your house more. I got home all right stopping at Chautauqua from Tuesday morning until Wednesday. It was perfectly lovely at Chautauqua and wished I could have stayed a while. Mother was at home when I got here. We have had such miserable weather ever since I have been home. Akron is smoky & black.

I am glad you have a cook and that you have gotten the back part of your house cleaned and that you feel so well satisfied. I wish I could see what you have done. We were all so glad to hear your letter this noon. Mother said it did her good to get such letters

Saturday was the Miller reunion at Cottage Grove – Father, mother, Edward Lewis. John, Theodore and myself went – father and mother with Dr. & Mrs. Young went in the little carriage and we children went in the wagonette.

It was a cold dull day not many were there but we enjoyed it.

Margaret has grown so much she is getting to be quite a baby. Ira & Cora called here Sunday. I have been over there once since getting home.

Anna Studebaker sent me such a pretty work bag made of ribbons it was here when I arrived. They are now fitting over the church painting &c. They are putting the study and parlor into one room or rather putting folding doors between taking out the hall – They are going to put in a large fire place which I think will be a great improvement. Dr. Youngs stay here until

January then Mr. B. F. Vincents come. I don't know whether we will like them or not. I hope we will. Aunt Alice is in Washington visiting perhaps she might make you a visit. I don't know as she is going to N. Y. though. I am thinking of going to Canton this week and spend a day or two with Robert & Louise. We had such a nice letter from Mame today she is quite well now although she has had chills. She likes it very much. Miss Angel wants come over this afternoon but no one seemed ready to go after her so she is to come tomorrow afternoon.

I am sorry I could not have seen Mr. Edison before leaving. You must remember me to him very kindly.

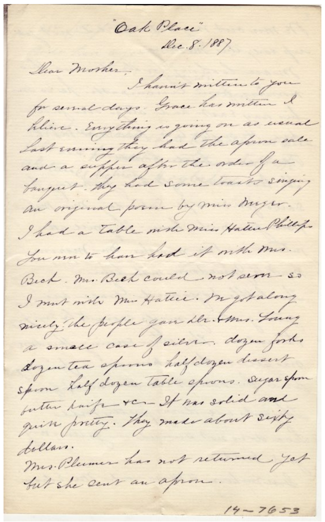
Our cook is to stay until November.

Mr. Marvin got home today and is coming over tonight.

Mother sends her love to you all

Write to me soon – How long did Mrs. Taft stay –

Lovingly,
Jennie.



"Oak Place"
Dec. 8. 1887.

Dear Mother,

I haven't written to you for several days. Grace has written I believe. Everything is going on as usual. Last evening they had the apron sale and a supper after the order of a banquet. they had some toasts singing an original poem by miss Meyer. I had a table with Miss Hattie Phillips. You were to have had it with Mrs. Beck. Mrs. Beck could not serve so I went with Miss Hattie. We got along nicely. the people gave Dr. & Mrs. Young a small case of silver. dozen forks dozen tea spoons half dozen dessert spoon half dozen table spoons. sugar spoon butter knife &c. It was solid and quite pretty. They made about sixty dollars.

Mrs. Plumer has not returned yet but she sent an apron.

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[FM001ABB1], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, December 8th, 1887

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[FM001ABB1], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, December 8th, 1887

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Akron Beacon Journal
- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, John Vincent
- Goodrich, Benjamin Franklin
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Miller, Grace A
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- McCarthy, Lena, (Mrs Michael Doyle)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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"Oak Place"
Dec. 8. 1887.

Dear Mother,

I haven't written to you for several days. Grace has written I believe. Everything is going on as usual. Last evening they had the apron sale and a supper after the order of a banquet. they had some toasts singing an original poem by miss Merger. I had a table with Miss Hattie Phillips. You were to have had it with Mrs. Beck. Mrs. Beck could not serve so I went with Miss Hattie. We got along nicely. the people gave Dr. & Mrs. Young a small case of silver. dozen forks dozen tea spoons half dozen dessert spoon half dozen table spoons. sugar spoon butter knife &c. It was solid and quite pretty. They made about sixty dollars.

Mrs. Plumer has not returned yet but she sent an apron.

14-7653

We were out very late so did not get up early this morning.

We are looking for Dr. Vincent this morning from Cincinnatti he is on his way East and stops over for the day. He ought to be here now but the train is a little late.

Dr. Goodrich left here yesterday he sails for Europe Saturday. Miss Mamie Hall goes with him - they will all return in two months. Mr. Marvin went to Jamestown with him -

The little boys and Grace are getting along nicely seem to be enjoying themselves. The other evening Theodore was all enthusiasm over a printing press he saw at the Beacon Office.

The girls are doing pretty well

Lena does not succeed in getting very good bread.

Give my love to Mina and Mr. Edison

Love for yourself -
And have a good time -

Lovingly
Jennie.

set three glasses side by side and then take one forward and then tell the distance between the glasses

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Merry Christmas

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Merry Merry

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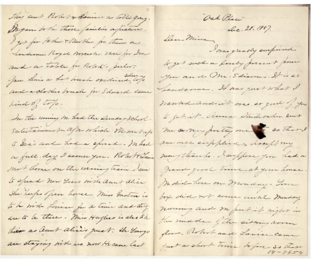

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Title
[FM001ABB2], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, December 28th, 1887

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

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"Oak Place"

Dec. 28. 1887.

Dear Mina,

I was greatly surprised to get such a lovely present from you and Mr. Edison. It is so handsome. It was just what I wanted and it was so good of you to get it. Anna Studebaker sent me ~~a~~ very pretty one [illegible] so that I am well supplied. Accept my many thanks. I suppose you had a grand good time at your house. We did here on Monday. Your box did not come until Monday morning and we put it right in the middle of the sitting room floor. Robert and Louise came just a short time before so that

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they sent Robert & Louise a table gong. We gave both those families a picture. I got for Father & Mother for them a handsome Royal Worcester vase for Ira and a table for Robert's parlor. Gave Lewis a hat brush oxidized silver tops and a clothes brush for Edward same kind of top.

In the evening we had the Sunday School entertainment after which we went up to Ira's and had a spread. We had a full day I assure you. Robert & Louise went home on the evening train. I am to spend New Years with Aunt Alice She keeps open house. Miss Gaston is to be with Louise for a time and they are to be there. Miss Hughes is also to be there as Aunt Alice's guest. Dr. Youngs are staying with us now He came last

We had a good time unpacking it. Everything was so sweet and pretty. ~~The things~~ were all so nicely selected. Robert and Louise were delighted with their present. Ira and Cora had not received their box when I saw them last. They were pleased with Margaret's present I think they were lovely. We had a regular romp all day Monday. I had a nice dinner about two o'clock. They all seemed to enjoy it. Mr. & Mrs. Wise and Hattie came in the afternoon I wanted them to come to dinner but they had made other arrangements and could not come. And Uncle Jacob's disappointed me too. Mr. Marvin was here and the boys did carry on.

About one o'clock Lewis brought in a small tree and when Louise went out to wash her hands we put everything we could of the presents on it and the others around it. They trimmed it in about five minutes. The ribbons that were around yours and Mame's presents were used to festoon. ~~the~~ It was very fine and we enjoyed it.

Robert and Louise gave me a very pretty white fur rug for my room. also Lewis a black one. Edward a very pretty easel picture. Ira & Cora gave me two very pretty embroidered handkerchiefs ~~coat~~ plaque on chamois skin. and a blotter and one of Margaret's pictures. They gave Lewis and Edward a silk muffler & a blotter.

night Mrs. Young comes today - They both leave Akron Thursday evening. Mr. Vincents are Expected Friday - the ladies give them a reception that evening in the church parlors.

Can't you come home after Marion gets started to school again? I think it would do you good for a few weeks. Anna Studebaker is coming in January. I don't know how long she will stay.

Wish you a Happy New Year and love and thanks again -

Your loving Sister

Jennie:

We look for the family today I presume we will be disappointed as we haven't had a word yet.

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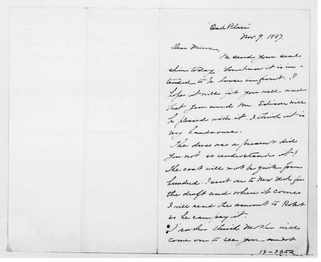

"Oak Place"
Nov. 9. 1887.

Dear Mina,

We send your seal skin today. You know it is intended to be loose in front. I hope it will fit you well and that you and Mr. Edison will be pleased with it. I think it is very handsome.

The dress was a present did you not so understand it? The coat will not be quite four hundred. I sent on to New York for the draft and when it comes I will send the amount to Robt so he can pay it.

I rather think Mother will come on to see you and not

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Title
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Editor's Notes
14-7652. We send your seal skin today; it won't be quite $400; sent for NY for the draft and when it comes will send it to Robert so he can pay it; I think mother will come see you; don’t think Ira and Cora will go; hope you had a good timre at the reception; glad you are getting started in society; we expect Robert and Ira for Christmas and would like you all as well.

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)

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Nov. 9. 1887.

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The dress was a present did you not so understand it?

The coat will not be quite four hundred. I sent on to New York for the draft and when it comes I will send the amount to Robt so he can pay it.

I rather think Mother will come on to see you and not sure. I hardly think Ina & Cara will go as Cara thinks the baby is young to take from home.

I hope you had a good time at the reception, am glad you are to make a beginning in Society.

Remember me to all.

We are not going to do anything for Christmas. I have a few things I have kept to give them and that is all I intend to do.

Will you all be over! We expect Ina's and Robert's here and want all of you to come on.

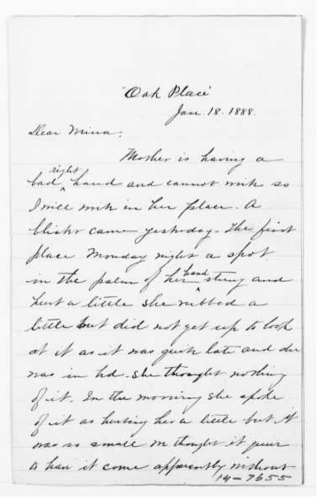
With love.

Jennie.

I wish you would tell them at Altman's they have never sent

that corset I bought there for Mother. You know it was to be sent with things to your house. Mrs. Slack she who waited upon me.

Jennie.



"Oak Place"
Jan. 18. 1888.

Dear Mina;

Mother is having a bad right hand and cannot write so I will write in her place. A blister came yesterday. The first place Monday night a spot in the palm of her hand stung and hurt a little she rubbed a little but did not get up to look at it as it was quite late and she was in bed. She thought nothing of it. In the morning she spoke of it as hurting her a little but it was so small we thought it queer to have it come apparently without

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[FM001ABC], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 18th, 1888

Title

[FM001ABC], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 18th, 1888

Editor's Notes

14-7655. Dear Mina, Mother is having a bad right hand and cannot write so I will write in her place. A [blister?] came yesterday--the first place Monday night a spot in the palm of her hand, [stung?] and just a little she rubbed a little but did not get up to look at it as it was quite late and [du was in hs?] she thought nothing of it. In the morning she spoke of it as healing her a little but it was so small we thought it queer [is?] how it came apparently without cause. She went downstairs to iron and was down an hour or two. I heard her say nothing off hand until evening when Dr. [Burlton?] called. She let him look at her hand and told him it pained her. He treated it indifferently and said it was a blood blister. I then looked at it and it had grown very much since morning. After supper and after Edmond, Lewis, & [Auria?] had gone out to a company at Mr. Fudley's I asked Mother about her hand, looked at it and it seemd larger than when Mr. [B?] had seen it. She put in a slippery elm poultice. It is a queer looking blister. She was suffering with the pain and it was going up her arm. I said I was going to send for the Dr. She insisted on my not doing it, said she wouldn't like [to?]--I [nacked?] them a little while and I couldn't rest. She got almost ready for bed and [we were?] sitting in the sitting room. She asked me to read, which I tried to do but could not as I saw Mother was suffering with her hand. I got up immediately and telephoned to Mr. Underwood, it was then about half past nine--We sent {Pat? Pa?] [over?] him. He was afraid of erysipelas, as there seemed to be no cause for it. He put iodine on it and then we kept hot flaxseed poultice on it all [night?] this mornining She was normal and Dr called and thought it had come to the [worst?]. So that I have felt easy Today--I got worried last night. Mother has been sitting up most of the day, she took a short napthis morning as she slept but little last night. We put hot poultice on it today, so that we hope she will soon be [healed?]. You need not worry about it for we think it is getting better as it does not pain her so much. The Dr. said it was not the dangerous eryesipelas anyway. Father went to Buffalo yesterday to attend the Chautaugua meeting today. Anna came yesterday noon. She disappointed us last week. I don't know how long she will stay--She gpes to Philadelphia from here. If she stays east long [among? Every?] I may go on and then if you are feeling well enough we can make you a short visit. It is good of you to ask us to come--I know Anna will anjoy it. She has such a pretty black net dress trimmed with ribbons. I think I will get one for this summer. [So there?] any thing we can do for you--I will send on the crib corn so you can get it out--perhaps if I come I will wait and [have it?] go about the same time. Mother wants you to take care of yourself and get rid of your cold. You know Mrs. George Studebaker has a little boy. Anna says he is a fine baby. ## We are going out on the [pavement? Parkment?] for a little sleigh ride as they say sleighing is pretty good on Market street. Tonight there is to be a concert at Columbia Hall, home talent. We intend going if all is well. ## Robert & Louise celebrate their first [midday?] anniversary next Wednesday evening. They are going to have a reception. I suppose you will be invited and wish you were here to go--We are all invited. The invitations are sent out Friday I believe. Miss Gaston and Miss Hughes are visiting there now and have been all month. I suppose they are to a month longer. ## We expect them all up Saturday to spend the day. ## Grace graduates a week from Friday , jan. 27th. I presume they will come up then also ## It is very good of you to remember my birthday for you remembered me so handsomely Christmas. Mr. Marvin will be home tomorrow I believe. WE go to Cleveland tomorrow to see about Grace's dress for the last time. I hope it will be pretty. She is marrying Mr. [Herassay?] ## Well as I am writing a long letter I think it is time to stop. I suppose Mr. Edison will remember you very beautifully on your anniversary as he gave you nothing Christmas, which surprised me very much. I think a husband ought to remember Christmas, the wedding anniversary, and his wife's birthday with a little something. Mr. Edison ought to have a scolding for not remembering you with a present Christmas and I wish you would tell him so. ## With ever so much love from Mother and myself--I am lovingly-- [PS] Your letters [were?] received this morning. We are always glad to get your letters--and Mother worries when er don't hear from you.

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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"Oak Place"
Jan. 18. 1888.

Dear Mina;

Mother is having a bad right hand and cannot write so I will write in her place. A blister came yesterday. The first place Monday night a spot in the palm of her hand stung and hurt a little she rubbed a little but did not get up to look at it as it was quite late and she was in bed. She thought nothing of it. In the morning she spoke of it as hurting her a little but it was so small we thought it queer to have it come apparently without

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cause. She went down stairs to iron and was down an hour or two. I heard her say nothing of hand until evening when Dr. Knowlton called she let him look at her hand and told him it pained her. He treated it indifferently and said it was a blood blister. I then looked at it and it had grown very much since morning. After supper and after Edward, Lewis, & Anna had gone out to a company at Mr. Findley's I asked mother about her hand looked at it and it seemed larger than when Dr. K. had seen it. She put on a slippery elm poultice. It is a

queer looking blister. She was suffering with the pain and it was going up her arm. I said I was going to send for the Dr. She insisted on my not doing it said she wouldn't like it. I waited then a little while and I couldn't rest she got almost ready for bed and we were sitting in the sitting room she asked me to read which I tried to do but could not as I saw mother was suffering with her hand I got up immediately and telephoned to Dr. Underwood it was then about half past nine. We sent Pat in for him. He was afraid of ~~erysipelas~~ erysipelas as there seemed to be no cause for it. He put iodine on it and then we kept hot flax seed poultice on it all night. This morning she was no worse and Dr. called and thought it had come to the worst so that I have felt easy today. I felt worried last night. Mother has been sitting up most of the day she took a short nap this morning as she slept but little last night. We have hot poultices on it today so that we hope she will soon be better. You need not worry about it for we think it is getting better as it does not pain her so much. The Dr. said it was not ~~like~~ the dangerous erysipelas anyway. Father went to Buffalo yesterday to attend the Chautauqua meeting today. Anna came yesterday noon. She disappointed us

last week. I don't know how long she will stay. She goes to Philadelphia from here. If she stays east long enough I may go on and then if you are feeling well enough we can make you a short visit. It is good of you to ask us to come. I know Anna will enjoy it. She has such a pretty ~~bat~~ black net dress trimmed with ribbons I think I will get one for this summer. Is there any thing we can do for you. I will send on the crib soon so you can get it out. Perhaps if I come I will wait and have it go about the same time. Mother wants you to take care of yourself and get rid of your cold. You know Mrs. George Studebaker has a little boy Anna says he is a fine baby.

We were going out on the pavement for a little sleigh ride as they say sleighing is pretty good on market street. Tonight there is to be a concert at Columbia Hall home talent. We intend going if Dee is well.

Robert & Louise celebrate their first wedding anniversary next Wednesday evening. they are going to have a reception. I suppose you will be invited and wish you were here to go. We are all invited. The invitations were sent out today I believe. Miss Gaston, and Miss Hughes are visiting there now and have been all month. I suppose they are to

a month longer.

We expect them all up Saturday to spend the day.

Grace graduates a week from Friday Jan. 27. I presume they will come up then also.

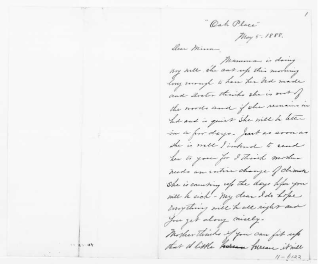
It is very good of you to remember my birthday for you remembered me so handsomely Christmas. Mr. Marvin will be home tomorrow I believe. We go to Cleveland tomorrow to see about Grace's dress for the last time. I hope it will be pretty. She is worrying over her essay.

Well as I am writing a long letter I think it is time to stop. I suppose Mr Edison will remember you very beautifully on your anniversary as he gave you nothing

Christmas which surprised me very much. I think a husband ought to remember Christmas the wedding anniversary and the wife's birthday with a little something. Mr. Edison ought to have a scolding for not remembering you with a present Christmas and I wish you would tell him so.

With ever so much love from Mother and myself - I am
Lovingly -
Jennie.

Your letters were received this morning We are always glad to get your letters - and Mother worries when we don't hear from you.



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"Oak Place"
May 5. 1888.

Dear Mina,

Mamma is doing
very well. She sat up this morning
long enough to have her bed made
and doctor thinks she is out of
the woods and if she remains in
bed and is quiet she will be better
in a few days. Just as soon as
she is well I intend to send
her to you for I think mother
needs an entire change of climate
She is counting up the days before you
will be sick - My dear I do hope
everything will be all right and
you get along nicely.
Mother thinks if you can fit up
that little ~~bureau~~ bureau it will

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Title
[FM001ABD], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 5th, 1888

Editor's Notes
11-6122. Dear Mina, Mamma is doing very well. She sat up this morning long enough to have her [bed?] made and doctor thinks she is out of the woods and if she remains in bed and is quiet she will be better in a few days--Just as soon as she is well I intend to send her to you for I think mother needs an entire change of [climate?] She is counting up the days left you will be sick--My dear I do hope everything will be all right and you get along nicely. ## Mother thinks if youn can sit up that {is?] little [because?] it will be so much niver than a [basket? Faster?] you can have a little cushion made to go [between? Behind?] the little side drawers. Mother has the brush, comb, glass and powder box--You can have pockets made to go at the sides for anything you might want to put in there. Mother thinks it would be more convenient and pretty. ## I sent the crib yesterday before Grace received your letter. Mother intends to send these things in [with?] [Father?] ## We must be careful now and not get so anxious as to [burden? Worry?] Mother is getting along all right and I think in a week or two she will be with you. We eant her to get pretty well before she starts. With a great deal of love from us all. ## PS Grace is going to Cleveland this afternoon--I hope to go up Monday.

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

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"Oak Place"

May 5. 1888.

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Mamma is doing very well. She sat up this morning long enough to have her bed made and doctor thinks she is out of the woods and if she remains in bed and is quiet she will be better in a few days. Just as soon as she is well I intend to send her to you for I think mother needs an entire change of climate. She is counting up the days before you will be sick. My dear I do hope everything will be all right and you get along nicely.

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I sent the crib yesterday before Grace received your letter. Mother intends to send these things on with father.

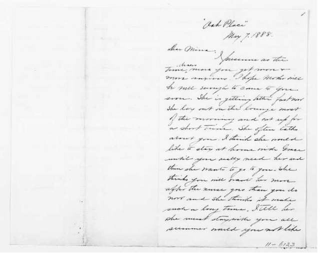
You must be careful now and not get so anxious as to overdo. Mother is getting along all right and I think in a week or two

She will be with you. We want her to get pretty well before she starts.

With a great deal of love from us all I am

Affectionately
Jennie -

Grace is going to Cleveland this afternoon. I hope to go up Monday.



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[FM001ABE], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 7th, 1888

Title

[FM001ABE], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 7th, 1888

Editor's Notes

11-6123. Dear Mina, I presume as the time draws near you get more & more anxious. I hope mother will be well enough to come to you soon. She is getting better fast now, she lay out on the lounge most of the morning and sat up for a short time. She often talks about you. I think she would like to stay at home with Grace until you really need her and then she wants to go to you--she thinks you will want her more after the nurse goes than you do now and she thinks it makessuch a long time. I tell her she must stay with you all summer, would you not like to [have?] her! The little boys will be at Chataugua and you will not be able to leave home before Sept. and I think if will do her so much good to be away for the summer and she does not care to go to Chataugua. We all want you to come home in September when the girls return from Europe. You must plan to make us a long visit then and at Christmas time. WE must all spend Christmas at home next time.###I hope you received the boys all right and that it pleases you. Robert was up Saturday afternoon to see Mother--Louise is about the house and [must out?] for a week on Sunday. Louis spent Sunday with them.###Margret and Cora are both quite well. Margret is getting to be quite [cunning?]. She [in?] her short clothes now. [?]### Mother wished me to thank you for those napkins. I think they are very nice to have also. Father I think will go to New York tomorrow if Mother keeps getting better and I think she is doing very nicely indeed.### With ever so much love from Mother and me, Yours, Lovingly-- Jennie

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Miller, Margaret

Date
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May 7. 1888.

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I hope you received the box all right and that it pleases you. Robert was up Saturday afternoon to see Mother. Louise is about the house and went out for a walk on Sunday. Louis spent Sunday with them.

Margaret and Cora are both quite well. Margaret is getting to be quite cunning. She is in her short clothes now.

Mother wished me to thank you for those napkins. I think they are very nice to have also.

Father I think will go to New York tomorrow if Mother keeps getting better and I think she is doing very nicely indeed.

With ever so much love from Mother and me

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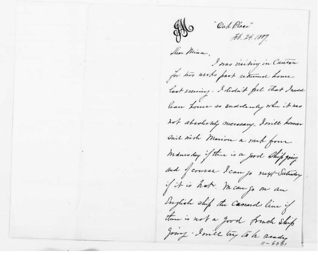

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[FM001ABF], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 24th, 1889

Title

[FM001ABF], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 24th, 1889

Editor's Notes

11-6061.[Jane is about to sail for Europe along with Mina's stepdaughter Marion.] "'Oak Place" Feb. 24. 1889 Dear Mina, I was visiting in Canton for two weeks past, returned home last evening. I didn't feel that I could leave home so suddenly when it was not absolutely necessary. I will however sail with Marion a week from Wednesday if there is a good ship going, and of course I can go next Saturday if it is not. We can go on an English ship the Cunard line if there is not a good French ship going. I will try to be ready. Marion really wants me to take her does she. I had given up all thought of going while I receieved your letter last Wednesday.##I will try to do the best I can. I rather dread leaving mother alone with the poor help, we have but won't be for long. I wish you would plan to come on here for two or three weeks or longer. She will be perfectly happy, then will the little darling--I am anxious to see her. I suppose she has forgotten all about me by this time. [If we?] sail a week from Wednesday I will leave home week from tomorrow. Don't you think it would be best to meet me in the City instead of my going to Orange. I suppose of course you will get Marion's letter of credit from an Brown & Shipley. You will get it from Brown Bros. In haste Jennie

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Marion Estelle

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Feb. 24. 1889.

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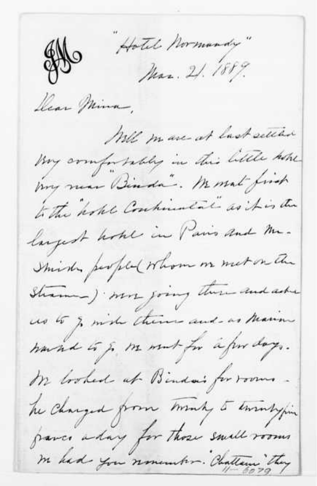
Jennie.



JM "Hotel Normandy"
Mar. 21. 1889.

Dear Mina,

Well we are at last settled very comfortably in this little hotel very near "Binda". We went first to the "hotel Continental" as it is the largest hotel in Paris and the Smith people (whom we met on the Steamer) were going there and asked us to go with them and as Mama wanted to go we went for a few days. We looked at Binda's for rooms - he charged from twenty to twentyfive francs a day for those small rooms we had you remember. "Chatham" they

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[FM001ABG], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 21st, 1889

Title

[FM001ABG], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 21st, 1889

Editor's Notes

11-6079. "Hotel Normandy" Mar. 21 1889 Dear Mina, Well we are at last settled very comfortably in this little hotel very near "Binda." We went first to the "hotel Continental" as it is the largest hotel in Paris and [Mr. Smith's?] people (whom we met on the steamer) were going there and asked us to go with them and as Marion wanted to ge we went for a few days. We looked at Binda's for rooms--he charged from [Thursday to Thursday?] five francs a day for those small rooms we had you remember. ["Chatteau"?] they would not give you pension rates now. This hotel we pay about three dollars and forty cents a day--everything included--except gin.This rate will only last until the middle of April, then my [thing? Duty?] goes up on account of the Exhibition. The girls are as [smes?] as [me?]--We took dinner with them the night we came last Sunday, they met us at the station. Yesterday we took lunch with them. I went with them to their music lesson and was pleased to hear how sweetly they sang.##They speak French very well--You had better talk with Father about their staying another year. They feel that they are just started now. They know Paris better and they intend to pay but three dollars a day next year for they can get a cheaper apartment. They are now in most expensive part of Paris but when they took the apartment they did not know there was much difference. They want to stay very much.##They say they are going to make a [great?] fuss for Mr. Edison when he comes--from what they said they [invited?] to [fun? Fair? Free?] dinners, etc. Now, don't you think it would be nice and also a benefit to the girls to be of your party a while at least when you are in Paris. It would be a [great?] opportunity for them and as they speak French very well it would be pleastant for you, seems to me--we were talking about it and I told them to [will? Wait?] and ask you or tell you but they said no, Mina must invite them on her own accord--for fear you will not think of the benefit it might be to the girls I mention it. Of course you do as you please--you will undoubtedly meet the [hyweer?] people in France. They stop at the same hotel with you and when there is an occasion when your party is invited they will be included [how? Now?] it is understood they are in your party. As you are sofond of them I thought you would want them to have all the advantages possible.##Now we are settled in our room. I think we will get to sight seeing. Marion is very anxious to go to Nice. I think it is almost too far and I fear an expensive trip for us to take. We will go to Tour[?]--and Rouen[?] for they are only two hours ride on the train from Paris.##We are getting along very nicely indeed--I like Marion very much and I hope coming to Europe will not spoil her. I wish our girls could go with Mrs. Earl for a [winter?] Perhaps if they don't stay next winter they can come [over?] the last winter. Marion is here and [trant?] with them. Grace is not [home?]. Most every day on the whole it was a beautiful voyage. Our room was very comfortable indeed. It was not so close and [mean?] as in [summer?] the table was excellent, splendid dinners. We sat at the captain's table and well treated by everybody--I forgot to tell Mother about the voyage and I wish you would [maill?] it to her. We are very well indeed--the girls were to come in this evening but they sent word they were too tired. They are coming tomorrow to [take?] as to the studio where mame works. With ever so much love, Jennie

Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Lewis
- Earl, Elizabeth F
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily

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11-5079

would not give pension rates now
This hotel we pay about three
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Everything included except fire
This rates will only last until
the middle of April then every
thing goes up on account of the
Exhibition. The girls are as sweet
as ever. We took dinner with them
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them. I went with them to their
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to hear how sweetly they sang.

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their staying another year. They
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better and they intend to pay but three
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get a cheaper apartment. They
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people in France. they can stop at the same hotel with you and when there is an occasion when your party is invited they will be included have it understood they are in your party. As you are so fond of them I thought you would want them to have all the advantages possible

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11-6079

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We had a good passage. Marion was little sick for a day or two. And we had one rough day otherwise the trip was perfect. Not any colder than in summer sometimes. Sunny

most every day on the whole it was a beautiful voyage. Our state-room was very comfortable indeed. It was not so close and warm as in summer the table was excellent splendid dinners. We sat at the Captain's table and well treated by everybody. I forgot to tell Mother about the voyage and I wish you would write it to her.

We are very well indeed. The girls were to come in this evening but they sent word they were too tired. They are coming tomorrow to take us to the studio where Mamie works.

With ever so much love

Jessie.

[FM001ABH], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 18th, 1889

Title

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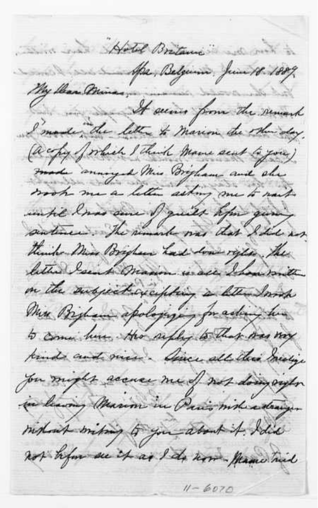

"Hotel Britannic"
Spa, Belgium, June 18. 1889.

My dear Mina,

It seems from the remark I made in the letter to Marion the other day (a copy of which I think Mame sent to you) made annoyed Miss Brigham and she wrote me a letter asking me to wait until I was sure of guilt before giving sentence. The remark was that I did not think Miss Brigham had done right. The letter I sent Marion is all I have written on the subject excepting a letter I wrote Miss Brigham apologizing for asking her to come here. Her reply to that was very kind and nice. Since all this I realize you might accuse me of not doing right in leaving Marion in Paris with a stranger without writing to you about it. I did not before see it as I do now. Mame tried

11-6070

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Editor's Notes

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I helped her get Miss Brigham and we heard of her through Mrs. Earl. Had I not felt she was a good person I would not have left Marion. She was to stay with Marion in Paris and take her to the places outside of Paris and the [Few?] places Marion had not seen in the City which was [Few?]. I had taken her to my place, she would go except the morgue, and the Goblin tapestry factory. I would taken her to the places outside of Paris but the weather was so very bad up, is the time it was decided the girls should come to spa and then marion wished to remain while we [meanwhile?] felt it would be all the better for the excursions as the Parks etc. would be in full beauty. I did all I could for Marion and tried to have her see everything. She, however, did not seem to have much interest in seeing things--She enjoyed shopping and [drawing?] in the park. She did a [grat?] of shopping. 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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Earl, Elizabeth F
- Edison, Madeleine
- Brigham, Sarah W
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily

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"Hotel Britanic"

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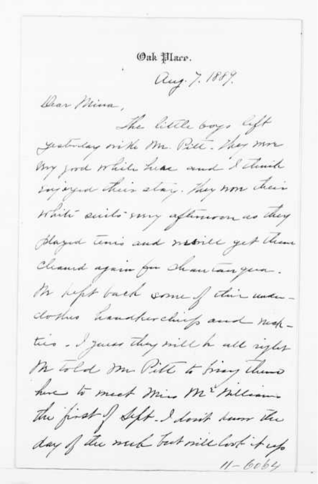

Oak Place.

Aug. 7. 1889.

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Author

Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- McWilliams, Sarah
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)

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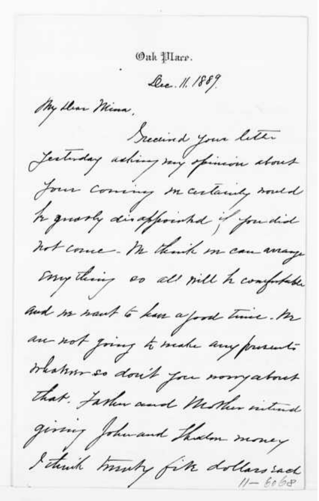

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[FM001ABJ], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 11th, 1889

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Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Wise, Jennie Stadden (Mrs Jacob)
- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Miller, Margaret

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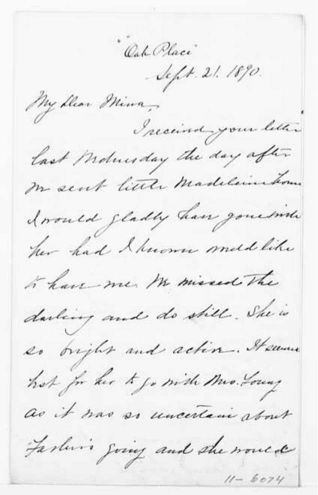

"Oak Place"
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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Edison, Madeleine

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Thank you very much for asking me to visit you and I will whenever you are ready to have me. I want though to get the

girl question settled before going away. We have two girls now if they will only be content and stay. They are from near Philadelphia girls and are inclined to be homesick - I hope though in a day or two they will feel better.

Mr. Marvin came home the other day and told us about Mami's experience losing Alone. I am glad the boys started so well and I hope Everything will be all right.

I may go on East with Grace but am not sure. If Mama stays I don't think I will go until later. I thought I would like to East about Thanksgiving time. Aunt Alice has asked me to make her visit and I would like to go. We might go down there together for a few days.

Don't you think you ought to try to come home Christmas? I think it would be nice if you would come home early and

then the boys could come here directly from school. I don't think there are many Christmases for us to get together and while we can I think we ought. Do think it over.

With ever so much love —

Yours affectionately,

Jennie.

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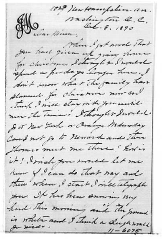

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Recipient
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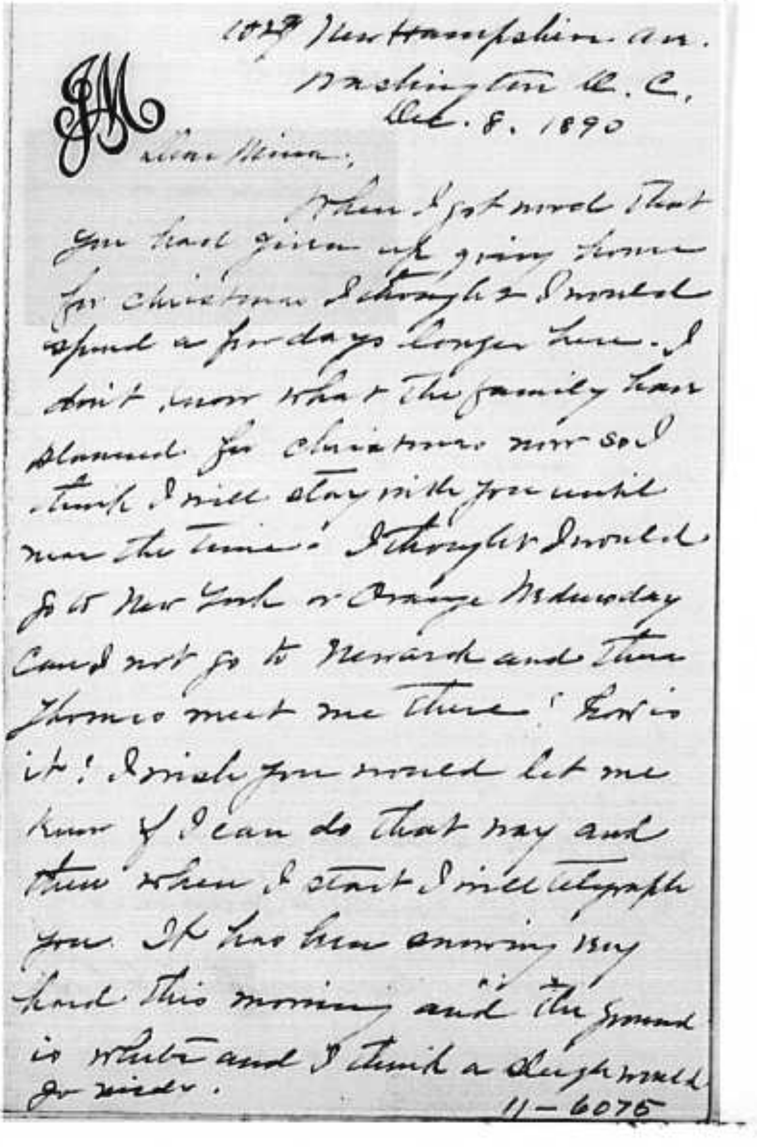

1029 New Hampshire Ave.
Washington D.C.
Dec. 8. 1890

Dear Mina;

When I got word that you had given up going home for Christmas I thought I would spend a few days longer here. I don't know what the family have planned for Christmas now so I think I will stay with you until near the time. I thought I would go to New York or Orange Wednesday could not go to Newark and then Thomas meet me there. How is it? I wish you would let me know if I can do that way and then when I start I will telegraph you. It has been snowing very hard this morning and the ground is white and I think a sleigh would go nicely.

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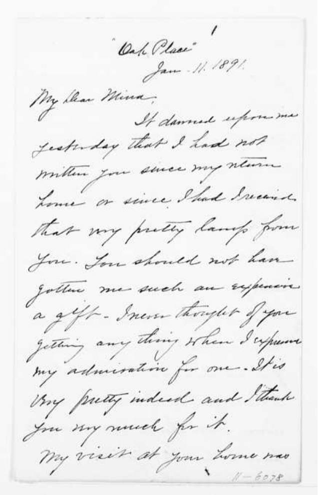
Suppose you received word
about Mr. George Keaton's death
It seems very sudden and sad.
Aunt Alice would like very much
to go to Glenmont with me but
she has a cousin visiting her
and ~~then~~ it she feels it is best
to wait until some other time
I am sorry. I was in hopes she
would go.

I am anxious to see you all.
This will be my sick week so I
will have to be rather quiet but
I guess you won't mind.

Now let me hear whether I had
better get off at Newark or go

on through to New York. I thought
if it was a fine day you would
like the drive but if it is not
best to meet me there it will be
all right so that I know before
hand.

With ever so much love —
Jennie Miller



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"Oak Place"
Jan. 11. 1891.

My dear Mina,

It dawned upon me yesterday that I had not written you since my return home or since I had received that my pretty lamp from you. You should not have gotten me such an expensive a gift - I never thought of you getting any thing when I expressed my admiration for one. It is very pretty indeed and I thank you very much for it.

My visit at your home was

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[FM001ABM], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 11th, 1891

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1891-01-11

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Subject
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very enjoyable and I had a good time - I was pleased to be with you. I hope I gave you no wrong impressions or expressed my self in such a way as will make you any trouble about settling your work. Mother thinks you won't like it to have all your girls help with the ironing. She thinks you will have to let the other work go for one day at least. Of course when it comes to cutting down ways things one hardly knows how to begin.

The American Harvest. Co. has fallen through. It was illegal - Father is to go to N. Y. tomorrow and he will tell you all about it. We are obliged to save and try to live with less. It seems too bad for now Father will have to work very hard - for there is such a strife in the mower and Reaper business. We will hope for better times but I am afraid it will be hard on father. Mr. Conger feels very badly indeed. I had a note from Anna Studebaker and she expects to visit you,

11-6078

Cora and Margaret have sick most of this week they are getting better now though.

It is a very dark and rainy day. I guess we will continue to live in Ahrove.

How are those dear little babies - they are such lovely children.

Remember me to Thomas and William - How do we stand on Christmas things. I took as a present to Edmund from me that necktie clasp but you may not be willing to let me have it. I also gave him that pin stand

He seemed pleased with the clasp so if you want it to go as your present I will tell him it is from you.

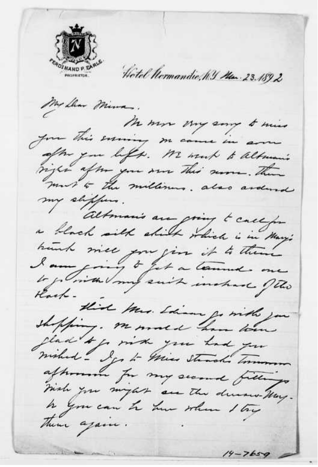
That stamp case I left with you you may change I will also send that little thimble case and you may let them go toward a set of silver soup spoons. You might price some sets - Of course we cannot get any thing very heavy and they must be rather plain.

I asked Mary to get a crumb tray for me to give Aunt Alice tell her not to get it now I cannot afford to do get it now.

We cannot take Lizzie. Anyway I don't think she would be contented here and I would hardly feel like having her come from your house as everything is so different =

With ever and ever so much love to you and Mame and the babies - Mr. Edison and the boys. I hope Mr. Edison's business seems brighter.

Lovingly -
Jennie.



FERDINAND P. EARLE
PROPRIETOR

Hotel Normandie, N.Y. Mar. 23. 1892

My dear Mina.

We were very sorry to miss you this evening we came in soon after you left. We went to Altman's right after you saw this morn. then went to the milliners. also ordered my slippers.

Altman's are going to call for a black silk skirt which is in Mary's trunk will you give it to them I am going to get a trimmed one to go with my suit instead of the black -

Did Mrs. Edison go with you shopping. We would have been glad to go with you had you wished - I go to Miss Strauch's tomorrow afternoon for my second fittings wish you might see the dresses - Maybe you can be here when I try them again.

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Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Marion Estelle

Date
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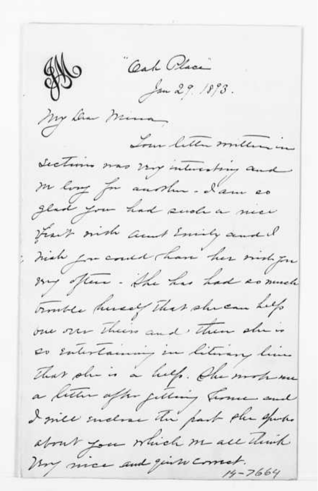
14-7659

I liked Mrs Brennan she is going to get me up some hats. I took one of those large leghorn hats she had the one in pink mull and roses -

I hope you got a good girl today. it will keep you pretty busy getting ready for Marion and getting ready to go home. I hope Marion's coming will not interfere with your going home - Marion can come too. I'm going to send her an invitation at anyrate. She may not feel like coming -

With ever so much love -

Jane -



"Oak Place"
Jan 29. 1893.

My dear Mina

Your letter written in sections was very interesting and we long for another. I am so glad you had such a nice visit with Aunt Emily and I wish you could have her visit you very often. She has had so much trouble herself that she can help one over theirs and then she is so entertaining in literary line that she is a help. She wrote me a letter after getting home and I will enclose the part she spoke about you which we all think very nice and quite correct.

14-7664

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Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
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Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Education

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14-7664

Our home life has been very quiet but very pleasant since Christmas - We missed you all very much and now often wish we could have you back again - Dear little Madeleine and Charles are such a delight always doing or saying something new. We have been to several afternoon receptions. We were invited to Susie Phillips wedding but Mother, Richard, and I did not go - Father was in Pittsburg so Mother didn't care to go and I wasn't well that day so Richard Mary and the boys went and had a pleasant time. Richard and I have been invited out several times in the evening but have gone but twice - Once to Miss McClures for Tea and then last Friday evening Father, Mother Richard and I were at Mr. McGregors to an evening company. We have had quite a scare over small pox but I guess they have it under control now - There have been several new cases this past week but all in quarantined houses. After this week if there are no new cases outside we are safe.

Father starts this evening for Nashville Tenn - and then may go on to Florida for a short time - It will do him good I hope - He seems pretty well -

Mother is feeling pretty well too I think and hope she will get through the winter without a sick spell I think every time she is ill she gets less strong.

Mary may ~~come~~ go on to you this week but I am not sure. She feels she wants to save her money and it tempts her so when she goes to see you to spend her money. It is not just the season now to buy so she may not be tempted so much this time. She is thinking about it quite seriously. I think she ought to go all she this winter for next winter it may not be so easy if I go to housekeeping. I hardly know yet when the house will be finished they haven't the

heaters in yet. but will have in a week or two.

Sorry is it with Thomas. It seems too bad he would not go to school - some day he will regret it. I wouldn't worry over it if I were you you have done all you could and if Mr. Edison feels it is all right for him to go to Ogden you are not to blame for it. I should think of what Mary or you said about spending his money when there last summer it is the last place he should have gone. Every boy I guess that age wants to stop school or gets discouraged about his studies and after a little while things get better and he doesn't feel he knows best in all things. Thomas should have continued studying if you had been obliged to get a tutor for him. Then you are not in the fault I am sure. Theodore and John says William seems quite happy and is doing very well.

Richard goes West next week to be gone two weeks or more. I expect to meet him in Chicago on his return if the weather is good and spend a day or two looking about the exhibition buildings.

Our snow is about all gone. We had fine sleighing for four or five weeks.

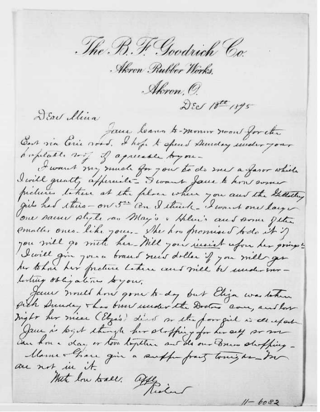
How about Sarah? Have you any one in her place?

Write to me when you can. I hope you are having a good time. Mary no doubt will be with you this week sometime.

With ever so much love —

Jane.

Richard sends love. He is lying on ~~[illegible]~~ the lounge in our room.



The B. F. Goodrich Co.
Akron Rubber Works.
Akron, O.

Dec 10th 1895

Dear Mina

Jane leaves to-morrow noon for the East via Erie road. I hope to spend Sunday under your hospitable roof if agreeable to you—

I want very much for you to do me a favor which I will greatly appreciate— I want Jane to have some pictures taken at the place where you and the Gilletty girls had theirs— on 5th Av I think— I want one large one same style as May's & Helen's and some of the smaller ones like yours— She has promised to do it if you will go with her— Will you insist upon her going— I will give you a brand new dollar if you will get her to have her picture taken and will be under everlasting obligations to you.

Jane would have gone to-day but Eliza was taken sick Sunday & has been under the Doctors care, and last night her niece (Eliza's) died so the poor girl is all upset. Jane is kept through her shopping for herself so we can have a day or two together and do our Xmas shopping—

Mamie & Grace give a supper party tonight— We are not in it.

With love to all. Affly
Richard

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Author
Marvin, Richard Pratt

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Miller, Jane Eliza

Date
1895-12-10

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Subject

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Akron, O.

Dec 18th 1895

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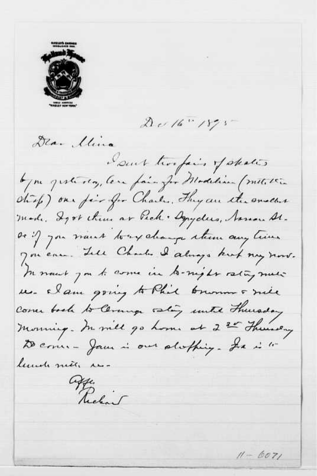

Dec 16th 1895

Dear Mina

I sent two pairs of skates to you yesterday, one pair for Madeleine (with the strap) one pair for Charles. They are the smallest made. I got them at Peck & Snyders, Nassau St. so if you want to exchange them any time you can. Tell Charles I always kept my word. We want you to come in to-night & stay with us. I am going to Phil tomorrow & will come back to Orange & stay until Thursday morning. We will go home at 2^{30} Thursday. Do come. Jane is out shopping. Ida is to lunch with us.

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Richard

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Title
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Author
Marvin, Richard Pratt

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Charles

Date
1895-12-16

Type
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Subject
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KINSLEY'S CHICAGO
ESTABLISHED [illegible]
Holland House
CABLE ADDRESS
"KINSLEY NEW YORK"

Dec 16th 1893

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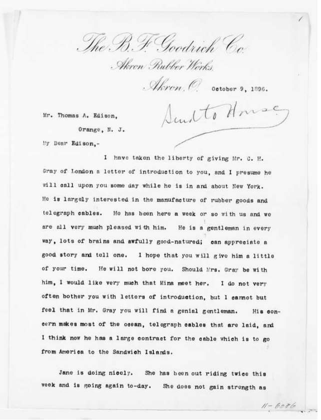

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The B. F. Goodrich Co.
Akron Rubber Works.
Akron, O. October 9, 1896.

Send to House

Mr. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

My Dear Edison,-

I have taken the liberty of giving Mr. C. H. Gray of London a letter of introduction to you, and I presume he will call upon you some day while he is in and about New York. He is largely interested in the manufacture of rubber goods and telegraph cables. He has been here a week or so with us and we are all very much pleased with him. He is a gentleman in every way, lots of brains and awfully good-natured; can appreciate a good story and tell one. I hope that you will give him a little of your time. He will not bore you. Should Mrs. Gray be with him, I would like very much that Mina meet her. I do not very often bother you with letters of introduction, but I cannot but feel that in Mr. Gray you will find a genial gentleman. His concern makes most of the ocean, telegraph cables that are laid, and I think now he has a large contract for the cable which is to go from America to the Sandwich Islands.

Jane is doing nicely. She has been out riding twice this week and is going again to-day. She does not gain strength as

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Title
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Author
Marvin, Richard Pratt

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Gray, Christian H
- Miller, Jane Eliza

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

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- Telegraph

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With best wishes for you all, I am

Yours,
Richard P Marvin

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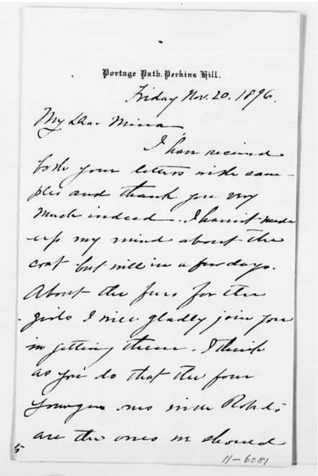

Portage Path. Perkins Hill.

Friday Nov. 20. 1896.

My dear Mina

I have received both your letters with samples and thank you very much indeed. I haven't made up my mind about the coat but will in a few days. About the furs for the girls I will gladly join you in getting them. I think as you do that the four younger ones since Robt's are the ones we should

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Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
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give to mostly. I intend to do so. The girls need something right away to wear and I thought you get them each something in fur for me to give them and then for Christmas I intended to give them money. So you do what is best in fur and I will give half toward them. I think a good fur would be best and something they could use at any time I thought of a collar as that would

come over their shoulders more. For Mother I intend to have her get her seal skin made to be comfortable and get her some glasses I want she and Mame to go to Cleveland with Richard someday soon. I think for John and Theodore we will get them each an over-coat from Dennis or give them money. I thought it being their last winter East it would be a good chance for them to get an overcoat but it may be they would rather wait another year.

I wish you would find out if you can. Roberts I guess we will give each twenty dollars I mean twenty to Louise and twenty to Robert. and each of the children five. May put in some trifling toys for the day only. Most of our gifts will be money as I can't get out and Richard will have to do most of the shopping.

Our Christmas will be quiet in a way but I guess we will have a good time any way I don't know whether Charlie & May Goodrich are going to be here or not they talk some of going to Boston.

How do you like your new cook It seems hard to part with an old servant and such a faithful one as Katie. Does she intend going to Ireland!

Now Mina if it is not too much trouble would you be kind enough to look at some jackets for me something a little dressy but comfortable. Do you remember the blue ones Mary and I have or the one you were going to get but didn't because it was too much soiled well something in that order.

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or if they pretty silk ones lined so that they will be warm. I wouldn't mind that. I need something very much of that kind as I can't wear my dresses yet as I can not stand anything tight — everything must be loose. I thought possibly you could get Altman or Arnold & Constables to send me some on approval. I would want about forty bust.

I would be very much obliged to you. I am sorry to trouble you so much. Also Mina

have you those shoes I loaned you at Chautauqua if so will you forward send them to me. I will have Madame Emanuel do you night dress and will return that to you also the gold pin.

I go out twice a day for a drive and generally call to see Mother once a day. They seem very cosily fixed at home since they closed the parlor and some of the rooms. I don't know what we are going to do for thanks giving.

Richard did talk of going to
Mrs. Goodrich's but it is not
certain if he goes East he will
spend a day or two in N.Y.
and will see you it is just
quite uncertain. I think
it will do him good to get a
way for a few days. as he has
worried so much and hasn't
been very well either.

Well I guess I must close
O yes! ~~What~~ is that calfs foot
jelly to be taken that you sent
to me. it is ~~more~~ for meats
is it not? My cook used
part of it as a dessert and
I thought it was to be put with
cold meat.
With love to all Affectionately.
Jane